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Attached are the newspaper articles from the time the body, lynch mob, trial and sentencing. Plus an article of the change in the Michigan parole laws that was directly related to the murder of Miss Alice Mallett, committed by George Straub. The 1922 prison information sheet with mug shot. And 1 article on Claud Straub, brother of George who was sentenced to 10 years for an assault on a 10 year girl. The articles are from "The Citizen Patriot". Jackson, Jackson Co., MI. It was referred to as "The Mallett Murder." [Nancy Straub Holben](#), my relationship to George is he was the brother of my Grandfather Straub, (that makes him my Great Uncle). Please visit my website at: [REV. BENJAMIN STRAUB FAMILY" AND " SMITH HOLMES FAMILY](#)

Jackson Murder

"THE MALLETT MURDER"

THE CITIZENS PATRIOT

Jackson, Michigan

HEADLINES AND ARTICLES

JUNE 9, 1922 THRU JUNE 24, 1922

JACKSON WOMAN IS

MURDERED

June 9, 1922 Friday

THE VICTIM

Was well known in Bay City

(Shows picture of Miss Alice Mallett).

PICTURE CAPTION:

Miss Alice Mallett who was murdered in Jackson last night was director at the YWCA cafeteria in Bay City from 1915 – 1918 and was very well known here. She is described as being a very upright woman and was especially well liked.

BRING THE MALLETT MURDER FIEND TO JUSTICE!

Jackson city and county officials should offer rewards in an amount sufficient to incite strenuous efforts by both the police and the public to run down and bring to justice the fiendish murderer of Miss Alice Mallett. The Citizens Patriot is certain that the sentiment of the community is unanimous that nothing be left undone to catch and punish this criminal.

No matter what the cost may be, it will be justified if the atrocious crime against this good woman is avenged. It is high time that Jackson serves notice that such dastardly deeds can not with impunity be committed within its boundaries. Every resource of human energy and public finance should be placed behind this effort. Let there be no limit on either!

MISS MALLETT

MATRON OF CRITTENTON HOME

VICTIM OF AX SLAYER LAST NIGHT

June 10, 1922, Saturday

WOMAN IS STRUCK DOWN BY ASSAILANT ON LANSING AVENUE, SKULL

FRACTURED AND THROAT MUTILATED-BODY FOUND EARLY FRIDAY

WITH BLOODY AX NEARBY- BLOODHOUNDS ARE CALLED TO TRACK

THE MURDERER.

At 2:20 the bloodhounds brought from Lansing had struck a scent and were following it rapidly west on West Madison Street. They were baying loudly and pulling on the leash.

Her throat cut and her skull crushed in, the almost nude body of Miss Alice Mallett, 35 years old, matron at the Florence Crittenton Home, was found Friday morning about 5:30 am in the yard at the side of the Robert J. Brockie residence, 1211 Lansing Avenue. Near the body and leaning against a flowerpot, was a bloody ax with which the murder had been committed.

The police department was notified, Coroner Mills was summoned and the sheriff's department and officers from the state Department of Public Safety were soon on the scene and began a quest for the murderer. A call was put in to Mason for bloodhounds to take up the trail of the slayer, which was plainly in evidence in a garden plot nearby through which the body had been dragged.

VICTIM WAS ON WAY HOME

Miss Alice Mallett was assaulted between 10:30 and 11 o'clock Thursday night while she was on her way to the Crittenton Home after calling upon Mrs. Adelle Welch, a dressmaker, at 511 Winthrop Street. According to Mrs. Welch, Miss Mallett called at her home at 7 o'clock in the evening and remained there until shortly before 10 o'clock. Mrs. Welch accompanied her as far as the corner of Gransom Street and Steward Avenue and they purchased some ice cream at a drug store.

Mrs. Welch volunteered to accompany Miss Mallett further on her walk home, but Miss Mallett told her this was unnecessary as the moon was shining brightly and she was not afraid. Miss Mallett carried two dozen eggs which had been _____ her and also a parasol and some flowers.

ASSAILANT STRUCK FROM BEHIND

It has been definitely established by the officers that Miss Mallett was not attacked until after 10:30 o'clock and _____ up on the time, which she parted from Mrs. Welch, indicates that she arrived in front of the Brockie home shortly after 10:30 o'clock.

Miss Mallett was apparently struck down by a person who came up behind her and the ax, later found beside the body, was undoubtedly the weapon used. She wore a straw hat and the blade of the ax cut through this and inflicted a deep gash in the head fracturing the skull. It is not believed she made an outcry as she was probably knocked unconscious before she had the opportunity to defend herself. The theory of the officers is that she was grabbed by her assailant as she started to fall. The sack of eggs fell to the sidewalk, some of the eggs being broken.

FIND: CRIMINAL'S FOOTPRINTS

Indications are that the body of the woman was dragged across one corner of the garden plot, which adjoins the Brockie home on the north. In the soft earth are marks which show where a part of the body had been dragged while adjoining these marks are the footprints of a man. On the lawn at the side of the house the assailant apparently stopped to obtain a new hold on his victim and then continued dragging her east within a few feet of the Brockie house. While there were traces of blood on the sidewalk and in the grass at the side, the grass through which the

body was dragged was matted with blood. Near a tree only a few feet from the house the assailant again stopped and it was here that he ripped open Miss Mallett's purse and rifled it of its contents. It was at this point too that he completed the murder, slashing the unconscious woman's throat. All of the clothing was ripped from the body the apparel being torn. One theory is that the murderer was looking for money and failing to find much in the purse continued the quest upon the person of his victim. Near the body was found Miss Mallett's coat soaked with blood. Blood had also spattered several feet, spots being found upon nearby plants and upon the grass.

HANDKERCHIEF USED AS GAG

Beneath the tree was found a man's blood stained handkerchief and bearing marks that it had been used as a gag in the woman's mouth when she was struck down on the sidewalk.

That the murderer must have been covered with blood when he left the scene is the opinion of the officers and although a careful search was made of the vicinity no more trace of clothing could be found.

The scene of the crime is near the corner of Lansing Avenue and Jefferson Street and it is believed the slayer ran back of the Brockie home and to the east toward the circus grounds following the murder.

BROCKIE DISCOVERS BODY

The crime was first discovered Friday morning by Mr. Brockie when he saw the body as he was coming down stairs from his bedroom. He thought the body was that of a man and hurried to a neighbor and told him someone had been hurt. Upon returning the body of Miss Mallett was found.

Mr. Brockie attended the John Robinson circus Thursday evening and returned home about __:30, retiring shortly after. While the neighborhood is quite but populated no one was found by the officers who could throw any light upon the crime.

The spot where Miss Mallett was first attacked in very dark, the branches of trees hanging low over the sidewalk. There is no street light in the immediate vicinity.

The murderer must have worked quickly is indicated by the fact that there were many persons on the street at about the time of the crime and automobiles passing at frequent intervals. The circus was over about 10:30 and many autoists made there way back to the city by way of Lansing avenue. However, unless the assailant was noticed at the time he made the attack on the ___walk that he was safe from interruption after he had dragged the victim back under the tree on the Brockie yard.

POLICE SEEK UNKNOWN WHO ATTACKED WOMAN

ON SOUTH ELM AVENUE

A clue in the Mallett murder case, which is being followed by the officers, is that an unidentified man in the city of Jackson has been attacking women and may be the same one who murdered the matron of the Crittenton Home. Monday night the unknown threw his arms around a young woman who was walking on South Elm Avenue. She managed to break away and escaped.

A similar attack was made on a young woman in the Drexel addition last night. According to the officers this young woman escaping the man had thrown his arms around her. Officers rushed to the scene shortly after the attempted assault but the unknown had succeeded in making his escape.

MAY IDENTIFY MAN

An attempt has been made to tract the unknown and officers' state that they believe his identity has been learned.

The ax with which Miss Mallett was slain was placed in the front window of The Citizens Patriot at the request of Coroner Mills Saturday morning. The coroner requests that any person who has lost an ax view the one in The Citizens Patriot window to learn if it is their property.

Large numbers of persons viewed the bloodstained ax in The Citizens Patriot window Saturday morning but none identified it.

STILL COMB CITY

The hunt is still being pressed in Jackson by the officers who are investigating every clue no matter how slight, although it is believed that the murderer has left the city. The grounds in the vicinity of the Lansing avenue home where the body was found have been gone over thoroughly and it is believed that nothing more can be accomplished at the scene of the murder, although the vicinity is still being watched.

Officer Treece attempted to communicate from Sandusky with the local sheriff's department by long distance telephone stating that he had something of importance to communicate but the officers were unable to make out anything further he said. He was notified to forward a telegram.

Coroner Mills announced that no inquest would be held, unless officials request it.

VICTIM WAS RAVISHED

Examination of the body which was made by Doc. G.A. Seybold and Thomas E. Hacker Friday afternoon disclosed that Miss Mallett had been ravished after her dead body had been dragged from the sidewalk to the lawn at the side of the Brockie home on Lansing avenue. The

examination also disclosed that the right side of the skull had been crushed in, this probably resulting from the first blow struck while she was on the sidewalk. On the back of the head were two other deep scalp wounds, neither of which fractured the skull. The head was nearly severed from the body and in the opinion of the doctors this wound was inflicted by a knife indications being that the knife had been drawn twice across the throat,

The body of Miss Mallett will probably be shipped to her home in Ontario, Oregon and it is stated that a funeral service will be conducted here sometime Monday the hour to be announced later. A brother of the murdered woman is now on his way and is expected to arrive in Jackson at 6pm Monday.

Whether or not an inquest will be held has not yet been decided by the coroner.

PATROL ROADS ALL NIGHT

Roads throughout Jackson county were patrolled last night by posses of sheriff officers, policemen, members of the State Department of Public Safety and volunteers in the quest for the murderer it being the opinion of the officers that if the slayer was in hiding he would probably travel during the night, Twenty-three men, who were unable to give a satisfactory account of themselves ere brought to the jail during the night and locked up pending investigation, Anticipating a round-up there is an exodus of vagrants from the city Friday and the usual haunts of the outskirts of the city were deserted.

The patrolling of the county roads was continued until about 2 o'clock in the morning when the searchers weary and wet from the drenching rain which fell early in the evening reported at sheriff office and then went home.

During the early part of the evening, Barney Love who lives in the west part of the city reported he had discovered some clothing spread on the grass in underbrush in the Drexel addition. Officers were soon searching that part of the city and found the clothes which consisted of a mans coat, a blue shirt and a ___ of underclothing. The coat bared the name of a Bay City _____. The clothing was sent to a chemist for examination buy no blood was marks were found.

MURDER VICTIM WAS MEMBER OF PIONEER FAMILY

***MISS MALLETT CAME FROM HOME OF WELL-KNOWN OREGON STATE FOLK.**

CHARACTER OF SLAIN WOMAN IS LAUDED BY HER FRIENS IN CITY*

(By Associated Press)

Portland, Ore., June 10 --- Miss Alice Mallett slain at Jackson, Mich., was the daughter of a prominent pioneer family of Malheur county Oregon. Her mother Mrs. ____ Mallett and several sisters and brothers reside at Ontario, Oregon. She had been absent from Oregon for the greater part of six years.

Miss Mallett attended Willamette University when _____ but left college at the end of her sophomore year. She resided in Ontario until six years ago when she received an offer to enter YWCA in Flint, Mich., which she accepted. More recently she was in the same service at Bay City and Jackson Mich., designing to take a post at the Florence Crittenton Home,

Miss Alice Mallett who was murdered Thursday evening has been spoken of by all her associates as a woman of fine character and splendid principles and many others connected with the two organizations spoke very highly of Miss Mallett and her worthy.

She was very decent it was said by those who came in contact with her work both at the Y.W.C.A and the Crittenton Home. Miss Mallett had prepared the menus for the meals at the home about four weeks in advance so the girls were able to go about their duties Friday morning in the accustomed manner. On the afternoon of the day she was killed Miss Hagdon stated she had been downtown ordering the supplies for the annual dinner of the Crittenton Circle which was to be held at the home next Monday.

For two years Miss Mallett taught the Sunday school class at the home which is held every Sunday afternoon preceding the vespers services. Mrs. Norman said Saturday morning that it was once her privilege to hear Miss Mallett teach on of these classes. "And I think" said Mrs. Norman "that she was one of the most remarkable and one of the finest lessons I ever heard."

Special Edition

June 10, 1922 Friday

(2nd print of the day)

BRING NEGRO SUSPECT HERE!

WILL QUESTION MAN TAKEN AT KALAMAZOO WITH BLOODY CLOTHES

Twenty-Year Old Negro Being Returned Here From Kalamazoo After Telling Story Queer

(by the Associated Press)

Kalamazoo, Mich.---Freeman Hockett, Alias "Blackie" Burns, colored, 20 wearing a shirt smeared with blood about the cuffs and bearing fresh bruises on his right wrist, is being detained here as a suspect in connection with the brutal slaying of Miss Alice Mallett, in Jackson Thursday. Hockett was taken out of a train box car loaded with automobiles in Botsford yards here late last night.

When police questioned him he was unable to give satisfactory explanation of his actions in Jackson the

Night of the murder. Hockett claims Nashville, Tenn. as his home.

Hockett was questioned by Jackson officers who arrived here about noon. He stated that he had been working in Hammond, Ind., and had gone to Detroit; that he boarded a train in that city, crawling into a car loaded with automobiles. He said he left the train at Ann Arbor to obtain something to eat; that when he again boarded the train there were 20 other hobos on board. He told the officers that in some unknown manner he became locked alone in the car carrying the automobiles and when he got to Kalamazoo he began shouting to attract the attention of someone to the car to unlock the door. The car door was opened by the police and Hockett was arrested.

He was found to be wearing several suits of clothes and the sleeves of his shirt were blood stained. Bloodstains were also found on his underclothes. He carried a jack-knife and 27 cents on his person. His body was covered with small scars, the result, he said, of fights. He asserted he had had trouble with a woman in Cincinnati, causing the blood marks on his clothes. There were no wounds on his body.

Hockett, in company with Undersheriff Kutt, Coroner Mills and a reporter for The Citizens Patriot, left for Jackson about 1:30 o'clock.

EXPECT ARREST WILL BE MADE AT PAINESVILLE, OHIO

(Special to The Citizen Patriot.)

Sandusky, Ohio, June 10---Detectives Piper and Treece of Jackson left here early this morning aboard a Robinson Circus train for Painesville, Ohio, where the show plays today. At Sandusky police headquarters just before the departure, the Jackson officers intimated that their investigation last night at the Sandusky show grounds had been well worth while. They questioned show workers, the majority of whom were Negroes and went through personal effects of the men. Although no arrest was made here it is the opinion of local police that the Jackson detectives have fastened their suspicions on a Negro attached to the show and that an arrest is not improbable at Painesville today. Descriptions of several circus workers who have left the show since it played at Jackson have been secured by the detectives and further desertions will be closely watched.

MAY MAKE ARREST IN OHIO

Painesville, Ohio June 10 ---Detectives from Jackson, Mich., seeking clues to the slayer of Miss Alice Mallett, matron of the Crittenton Home, Jackson, intimated an arrest may be made here today. The officers have been following a circus, which played Jackson the night of the murder and which is here today.

EXPECT SUSPECT BACK TONIGHT

June 11, 1922 Sunday

NEGRO CIRCUS COOK IS HELD AT PAINESVILLE FOR LOCAL OFFICIALS

DETECTIVE TAKES AX ALONG IN AN EFFORT TO HAVE IT IDENTIFIED AS PROPERTY OF THE JOHN ROBINSON CIRCUS

Officers accompanied by a representative of The Citizens Patriot left Jackson for Painesville, Ohio at 9 o'clock Saturday night for the purpose of bringing back Clark Meadowlark, believed to

be the Negro slayer of Miss Alice Mallett brutally murdered, sometime Thursday night.

The officers were driven to Toledo by a State officer and took a midnight train for Painesville where they are scheduled to reach at 10 o'clock Sunday morning.. The ax was taken with them. Detective Treece one of the two officers who arrested Meadowlark, desiring to clear away the last vestige of doubt by having the implement identified as circus property.

The alleged slayer and the officers guarding him are expected to reach Jackson sometime Sunday night or Monday morning.

FUNERAL IS PRIVATE

Funeral services for Miss Alice Mallett victim of the brutal murder and assault, will be held at Gildersleeve's Chapel after the arrival of her brother from Ontario, Ore., sometime Monday. Flowers will be accepted but funeral will be private,

Although officers are certain they have the slayer under arrest at Painesville, every other clue is being thoroughly investigated and another suspect was arrested by Detective Collins late Saturday afternoon. He was taken to the fingerprint room at the jail and admitted he served six years in Jackson orison for a criminal assault on a 13-year-old girl. Although the story of his activities on the night of the murder is considered queer, it is not believed that he knows anything of the murder (**this suspect is George)

Because of the clothing which he was wearing at the time of his arrest officers believe he may be the man who discarded the suit and underwear found in some grass in the Drexel addition Friday night, his garments being similar to those found. He will be held until the officers are certain of his innocence.

NEGRO COOK ARRESTED

Clark Meadowlark, Negro cook with the John Robinson circus was arrested after a two day investigation by Police detective Juan Piper and State Detective Arthur Treece, who joined the circus at Sandusky, Ohio Friday.

After checking up on the various Negroes connected with the circus, the officers narrowed the field of suspects down to two men both of whom were arrested. Meadowlark was held after bloodstains were found on his clothing and a bloody handkerchief was taken from him.

Although discharged from the circus a few hours before the murder when he made the remark that he would have "either blood or money" the Negro evidently followed the circus to Painesville.

BLOOD ON CLOTHING

Freeman Hockett, alias "Blackie" Burns brought back from Kalamazoo Friday afternoon wearing

a shirt smeared with blood about the cuffs and having a bruise on his wrist was grilled at the jail shortly after his arrival. He maintained his innocence of the murder claiming he had received the bloodstains in a fight with a woman in Cincinnati.

Search for the unknown man who has attempted an assault on two girls during the past week will be continued it announced.

POLICE BAFFLED IN MALLET MURDER CASE

June 12, 1922 Monday

POLICE CENTER ON AX AS KEY TO MYSTERY

Warren, Ohio---Solution of the Mallett murder mystery may hinge on the identification of the bloody ax with the gruesome crime was committed, which Detective Piper of the Jackson police department and Detective Treece of the Michigan Department of Public /safety brought here this morning from Painesville Ohio, The ax was turned over to the two officers by Detective Timmons of Jackson, who Sunday afternoon took Clark Meadowlark, Negro suspect in the case back to Jackson.

Under cross-examination, Meadowlark admitted ownership of the blood smeared suit of overalls found concealed under the mattress of a bunk in the Robinson Brothers circus train.

Three bloody handkerchiefs were in the pockets of the overalls and one pocket was moist with red fluid, as if a dripping knife had been in it for a time.

SEEK TO IDENTIFY AX

Alleged inaccuracies in Meadowlark's story and his inability to explain why the red stained garments had been hidden, resulted in the officers coming here to check up on the suspect and learn if the ax was taken from the circus while it was showing in Jackson.

With the weapon in their hands the detectives hope to find someone who can identify it as circus property.

One man whom the officers are keeping trace of two Negroes who have left the circus since it was in Jackson. One of them, a large man, disappeared shortly after the show left. He was traced to Toledo and is being watched. While there is little to connect him with the crime, except his sudden and unexplained disappearance, there is a possibility of developments this morning that

will result in his arrest,

Every Negro connected with the circus will be questioned. Those who can't give a satisfactory account of their actions on the night of the murder will be arrested and held for further investigation. More and more as the investigation continues and wild theories are abandoned, level headed officers are coming to realize that the blood-spattered ax is the key with which to unlock the mystery and bring the degenerate slayer to justice. Who dies it belong to? If it was not taken from the circus grounds, then it was undoubtedly stolen from some home in Jackson.

Detective's Piper and Treece expect to establish the fact before night if it was used by the circus people. Their investigation will go far toward clearing Meadowlark of else strengthen the evidence that appears to connect him with the crime.

ALL CLUES LEAD INTO BLIND ALLEYS; DAVIS HAS PROVEN AN ALIBI

WOMAN IDENTIFIES NEGRO AS PROWLER BUT LATER TELLS VERIFIED STORY TO POLICE OFFICIALS

With the developments of Sunday and Monday pointing toward the innocence of Clark Meadowlark Negro cook with the John Robinson circus, brought here as a suspect in the murder of Miss Mallett. Thursday night officers investigating the crime found themselves n nearer a solution Monday afternoon.

Suspicion was directed toward another Negro as the possible slayer of Miss Mallett, when Mrs. Lottie Baginsky, 325 Adams street, positively identified Herme E. Davis of Jackson Tenn., as the man who had called at her home on three different occasions on the night of the murder. Shortly after her identification Davis easily proved an alibi.

Meadowlark whose guilt of the crime appeared certain do to exaggerated stories, which were circulated Sunday, and the other Negroes were lined up with Davis. Davis' complexion is almost white, while that of Meadowlark is black and should the woman be correct on her belief she saw the man who killed Miss Mallett and his complexion was light. Meadowlark could not have committed the crime.

FIND BODY MARK IN GRASS

Before the identification of Davis, State Detective Collins went to the Baginsky home and looked into a vacant lot where Mrs. Baginski states the Negro remained until about 10 o'clock. She states he had something under his coat, which resembled as ax handle. Detective Collins

found the mark of a mans body but nothing else.

Davis was questioned after his identification at the jail but told a straightforward story, stating that he had reached Jackson about midnight Friday and was picked up by the officers while in the railroad yard.

ALIBI IS VERIFIED

Davis two white companions were questioned later and verified the Negro's story down to the smallest detail stating that they had all left Michigan City Friday morning and after stopping at Niles came to Jackson arriving here about midnight.

Freeman Hockett, alias "Blackie": Burns, Negro arrested at Kalamazoo with blood on his shirt cuffs is still being held although nothing further has been discovered that would tend to connect him with the case.

With many of the officers certain of the innocence of Clark Meadowlark, this angle of the case is not being overlooked.

The bloody knife mark in the pocket of Meadowlark's trousers turns our to be from a piece of soap that the Negro carried Chemist Peter Keyzer announced Monday morning.

PRISON INMATE INVESTIGATED

Another suspect whose activities on the day of the murder was being closely scrutinized by the officers is John Straub a former inmate of Jackson prison who served six years for a statutory offense. Straub has told several tales which do not hang together.

Angelo Glalanelly, a small boy, who claims to have been an eyewitness of the murder of Miss Alice Mallett. Thursday night was interviewed by officers of the sheriff's department and taken to the show grounds to point out the place where he alleged he saw a Negro running toward Miss Mallett, ax in hand.

The investigation revealed that there was no foundation of fact for the boy's story.

OHIO CLUE FIZZLES OUT

Following an all night investigation officers today admitted _____ but little progress had been made toward the solution of the murder of Miss Alice Mallett, matron of the Florence Crittenton Home.

MURDER SUSPECT FORMERLY LIVED

IN CITY

June 13, 1922 Tuesday

SUSPECT HELD IN OHIO FORMERLY LIVED HERE; WORKED IN RESTAURANT

The suspect held at Warren, Ohio formerly resided in Jackson and at one time, about two years ago was in the employ of the American Grill, a South Mechanic St. restaurant. Ernest L. Cote, proprietor of the restaurant, stated Tuesday morning that he recalled the man and that he was known here under the name of Charlie Jackson.

Mr. Cote stated that "the man's hair was originally of a reddish color, but that he had bleached it until it was nearly white." Jackson was a very well behaved man while in this city according to employees of the restaurant who recall his residence here.

JOINED CIRCUS LATER

Shortly after leaving Jackson he joined the Hagenbach-Wallace circus and when that show came to this city last June, Jackson was with the aggregation. Mr. Cote states "he recognized Jackson who was riding an elephant in the parade when it passed on Cortland street, that later Jackson called at the restaurant."

Mr. Cote states, "I met Jackson while the latter was here with the John Robinson circus last week and took Jackson to the show grounds;" that Jackson informed him, "he was employed as a clown with the show." He also asserted that, "Jackson told him he would bring a number of circus people to the restaurant for supper following the evening performance." Mr., Cote stated, "I did not work that evening but that I was told the next morning by the night man in charge of the restaurant that Jackson called at the restaurant in the evening. "

INSURANCE AGENT, TOO

It was also stated that Jackson while residing in this city was at one time employed as an insurance agent and it was said that he kept company with a woman who owned a home on the east side of the city.

Mr. Cote stated "that from his observance of the man he did not believe he was the type of person who would commit a crime such as the Mallett Murder."

MAN HELD AT WARREN MAINTAINS

INNOCENCE UNDER LONG GRILLING

JACKSON OFFICERS GO TO IDENTIFY WOMAN'S EFFECTS FOUND ON CIRCUS EMPLOYEE'S PERSON

Warren, Ohio- Under a grilling examination that lasted nearly all night and was resumed this morning, Joseph Evens AKA: Charlie Jackson, held here in connection with the murder of Alice Mallett at Jackson, remained firm in his denial of any knowledge of the crime, The suspect was subjected to a hurtling barrage of questions and accusations by half a dozen officers some from Warren and others from Jackson,

Evens declared that he was born in Algonac, Mich., and had served in the Canadian forces in the World War. A discharged from the Canadian service believed to be bogus was found on his person. He is 5 feet, 11 inches in height, weighs 133 pounds and is of light complexion. Evens admitted that he used peroxide to dye his hair white.

MAY BE INSANE

Officers are convinced that the man is fighting to cover up his past or else he is partly insane. In checking up on answers he made last night to more than 2,000 questions, numerous inaccuracies were found, He gave five different places as his home town.

Unless some of the articles found in his possession, including two silk handkerchiefs, a woman's manicure set and two pairs of nose glasses, are identified by Jackson officers who are on the way here, it is doubtful if he will be taken back for further investigations in connection with the murder.

CIRCUS DENIES AX

Developments in the Mallett case in this city yesterday included the denial of attempts of the John Robinson circus that _____ owned an ax similar to the one used by the woman's murderer and the finding of splotches of blood on effects taken from Evens.

Officers, after grilling the suspect, said they believed Evens to be a moral degenerate but were unwilling to give any definite answer on whether they believe him guilty of the Jackson atrocity. Evan's is said to have a _____ for disgusting himself the police declared and several articles for this purpose were found in his suitcase. Evens claimed that these were used in his work as a circus performer.

BLOODSTAINS ON CASE

Bloodstains found on a woman's case, found among Evan's effects were considered important by

Jackson officers. The vanity case, together with two handkerchiefs and two pairs of nose glasses are being held here for possible identification by Jackson officers as the property of Miss Mallett. Detective Treece said last night he believed some of the property was taken from the body of the dead woman.

Explaining their statements about the murder ax, circus officials late Monday declared that all axes owned by the Robinson organization were practically new as the old ones had been sold as junk last Fall. No axes of the old-fashioned square-headed type were ever owned by the circus they said. This is the type of ax used by the Mallett slayer, the only part of the implement that is new being the helves.

Special morning edition

*******June 14, 1922**

Wednesday*****

**EXTRA EXTRA Feature Story EXTRA
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SLAIN WOMAN'S BROTHER IS HERE

**HAROLD MALLETT ASKS THAT THE
FIEND BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE**

RETURNS WEDNESDAY

(shows picture of Harold Mallett)

"I want to see the man brought to justice," was the remark of Harold Mallett, brother of the ax victim, as he stepped off the Michigan Central train last night at 6:12 o'clock, after a 63 hour journey from the Mallett family home in Ontario, Oregon, Other than this, he said he had nothing to say for publication. From the station he was driven to the Gildersleeve undertaking establishment on South Jackson street, where he viewed his sister's body.

He kept his poise, but plainly showed the effects of the strain he has labored under since hearing

of the Lansing avenue atrocity.

Tuesday, he was interviewed by state and county officials at the home of Dr. Grace Hendricks, 321 West Cortland street, where he is staying while in Jackson. Later in the day he will visit the Florence Crittenton Home to arrange for the shipment of Miss Mallett's personal effects West.

Mr. Mallett (Mr. Mallett is a Rancher) will probably return to his western home some time Wednesday morning. The dead woman's body will be shipped on the same train that he takes.

He left Ontario, Saturday at 1:38 p.m., via the Northern Pacific and arrived in Chicago, Monday at 11 a.m. Taking the Michigan Central out of there at 12:30 p.m. he reached Jackson less than six hours afterwards.

The Presbyterian burial service was read by Rev. Shannon A. Griffith of the First Presbyterian Church at the Gildersleeve funeral chapel. The reading of the scripture, prayer and remarks required not more than 20 minutes.

The number of persons present were not more than 20 in all. Beautiful floral tributes from friends and also from persons who did not know her fill the chapel.

June 14, 1922 Wednesday

AFTERNOON SPECIAL EDITION

Special Edition Front Page Headline

ALLEGED SLAYER UNFOLDS DETAILS OF AWFUL CRIME

THE DETAILS OF STRAUB'S FIRST CONFESSION, GIVEN BELOW, ARE BASED ON STATEMENTS MADE TO JACKSON OFFICIALS BEFORE HE WAS WHISKED AWAY FROM THE JAIL HERE TUESDAY NIGHT

(shows picture of "The scene of the crime" and pictures of accused slayer, George Straub and the victim, Alice Mallett)

WAS SEEN NEAR CRIME SPOT

That Straub is a degenerate of the lowest type has been quite conclusively proven by investigations of the officers during the time since his arrest. His description tallies almost exactly with that of a man who has accosted Jackson women during the past few weeks. Numerous women who have called at the jail, state that the man who approached them on the streets had a swelling on his forehead.

The assailant of Miss Mallett was seen on Lansing avenue shortly before the commission of the crime. Straub is said to have been identified as the man who was seen by the Lansing avenue people.

MURDERER IS 49 YEARS OLD

Straub is 49 years old and has resided in and near Jackson since his release from Jackson prison in October, 1907. He is of medium height, somewhat stoop shouldered and his appearance would give the impression of a man past middle age. There is a large bunch on his forehead, probably a wen. His face is most revolting, the chin being short and the lips protruding.

This is not the first offense of the accused, as he served six years in Jackson prison for attempted assault upon a 13-year-old girl, and was sentenced from Hersey, Osceola county, Dec. 15, 1902. Straub was also arrested in September, 1917, in Jackson on a disorderly charge.

George Straub, an ex-convict, confessed Monday night that he murdered and assaulted Miss Mallett, matron of the Crittenton Home last Thursday night. Straub's confession was held up by the officers for 24 hours to permit a checking up of his statement. The confession was released shortly before 10 o'clock Tuesday night.

Straub told in gruesome detail of his attack on Miss Mallett, giving as his motive nothing more than his beastly inclination to assault her. He related her struggle to escape from his clutches and of his cold-blooded wielding of the death ax and other revolting phases of that has gone down as one of the most revolting outrages in Michigan criminal history.

The arrest of Straub was made by State Policeman Harry Collins and Deputy Blake Saturday night, and an investigation relative to his movements on the night of the murder was started. Piece by piece the evidence was gathered by these officers, assisted by Undersheriff Vern Kutt and State Policemen Van Loomis and Harold Mulbar, and early Monday morning, Straub was taken to the scene of the murder, the trip to the Brockie home being at about 3:30 o'clock. Straub protested his innocence as he was led over the scene of the crime, Flashlights were used in illuminating the ground and he was shown the place where Miss Mallett had been felled by the blow from the ax and had been dragged by the slayer. The blood-covered grass where the woman's body was found was also shown to him and he was accused of the crime. He continued his denials.

STRAUB CONFRONTED WITH VICTIM

Prior to being taken to the scene of the murder Straub was accompanied to the Gildersleeve morgue where the body of the slain woman lay in a room on the second floor. The time was about 3:30 in the morning and there were but few persons on the street. A dozen officers accompanied the suspect who was led by Van Loomis, a member of the State Department of Public Safety.

Brought into the dimly lighted room where the body lay he was taken to the side of the bier. Straub cringed as he looked upon the murdered form. Accused of the murder, Straub cried, "I DID NOT KILL THAT LADY!" In answer to further accusations Straub declared, "I DON'T KNOW THE LADY!"

"TOUCH THE DEAD LADY'S HAND!" Commanded Van Loomis. "NO! NO! I DON'T WANT TO TOUCH HER," he cried. "TOUCH HER HAND!" again commanded the officer as he seized the suspect's arm and gradually forced it toward the outstretched hand of the corpse.

Straub staring wildly at the face of the murdered woman endeavored to pull back, but he was slowly drawn forward until his fingers lay upon the cold body. The suspect's lips parted and he uttered a groan of horror. The questioning completed he was removed to the waiting automobile.

MAKES COMPLETE CONFESSION

Straub was rushed to the county jail and returned to his cell. He was questioned by Prosecuting Attorney M. Grove Hatch, Pieter Keyzer, chemist, Deputy Sheriff Julian and Deputy Sheriff Russell Blake.

Not long after the questioning started Straub began making admissions and soon a complete confession was forthcoming. Straub stated that he left his home on the Seymour avenue road, northeast of the city on the night of the murder and went to the home of a man named Fowler near the extreme end of Cooper street; that he owed \$6 to the Fowlers for board and he paid them this amount. Then an altercation followed with another man relative to a small sum which he owed him and he gave the man 60 cents, all the money he had. Enraged at this man he left, informing him he intended to swear out a warrant against him.

STEAL AX AT HOUSE

Straub stated that he continued on Cooper street and then cut across toward Lansing avenue. He was unable to give the officers a detailed account of the streets he traversed, but told them he stopped at a house near Lansing avenue where he obtained an ax which he found near a woodpile. He stated that he contemplated an assault on a woman when he obtained the ax.

Going to Lansing avenue he secreted himself in the shadows of the Brockie home and awaited the coming of his victim. He saw Miss Mallett approaching. No one was near. He stealthily crept upon her and spoke. She started to run up the bank and he pursued her, striking her across the

head with the blade of the ax. She screamed and fought, Straub endeavored to force a handkerchief in her mouth and then he struck her again with the blunt side of the ax. This blow crushing in her skull.

NEARLY SEVERS VICTIM'S HEAD

Continuing his admissions Straub asserted he dragged her across the garden spot to the north of the Brockie home and laid the dead body beneath a tree to the north of the house. Then he tore the clothing from her body and the assault followed. Believing that the woman might not be dead he seized the ax and struck the woman again, this time across the throat, nearly severing the head. He stated that most of the blood came from the wound in the throat, the blood spurting upon the grass and nearby plants.

Straub said that following the murder he left by way of Lansing avenue and walked to his home, Straub denied that he tore open the handbag carried by Miss Mallett and it is believed this may have been ripped open in the struggle. He was also unable to recall whether he had gone back to the sidewalk and carried Miss Mallett's parasol, hat and bouquet to the place where they lay in a near pile near the body.

To questions by some of the officers Straub declined to make reply and then when the same question was put by another officer, he answered and leered at those who had first quizzed him on the subject with an expression which seemed to say "You couldn't make me Tell."

RE-ENACTS CRIME AT SCENE

Following the confession Straub was taken to the scene of the crime and re-enacted the murder in detail,

He also accompanied the officers to the house where he said he obtained the ax. He went to the woodpile and showed them where the ax had been found.

While the complete details of the confession were in the hands of reporters Tuesday morning, it was requested by the officers that nothing be said until a further check had been made in the case to make certain that Straub was the guilty person. This investigation was completed Tuesday evening and permission to release the story given.

It was found that Straub had not slept in bed the night of the murder and that he appeared tired out the next day and dropped off to sleep at the dinner table. The murderer told the officers that he had fallen asleep because of working so hard Thursday on the road, he being employed on a gang which is building the road out Seymour avenue.

FIND CLOTHES IN DREXEL ADDITION

On the night following the murder a man's coat, underwear and a blue shirt were found in some brush in the Drexel addition, wet from the heavy rain which had fallen during the late afternoon

and evening.

Examination of the clothes found disclosed that the shirt was of the same make and size as the shirt Straub was wearing at the time of his arrest. Straub wore his shirt sleeves rolled up to the elbows and the shirt found in the brush was also worn the same way.

OWNERSHIP OF AX PROVEN

While the officers believe they have proven quite conclusively the ownership of the ax with which the murder was committed, it is expected this will definitely established when the ax is brought back to Jackson by detectives who took the death weapons to Ohio for the purpose of identification by a circus which showed in Jackson during the past week.

The confession of Straub brings to a close a search which has kept the officers at high tension since last Friday morning when the nude and terribly mutilated body of Miss Mallett was found on the lawn of the Lansing avenue home, Sheriff's officers, officers from the department of public safety and the police have worked night and day running down clues only to find their investigations were without result,

Although a man of apparently very low mentality Straub exercised a peculiar cunning throughout the examination by the officers Monday night and many of the questions were answered only after he had deliberated and weighed the results of such answer In the trip over the route which he took in reaching the scene of the murder he talked readily with the officers pointed out homes of families he knew and seemed to have an intimate knowledge of that part of the city.

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JUNE 14, 1922 WEDNESDAY

READ ALL ABOUT IT!!!!

**VICTIM'S BROTHER LEADS THRONG
IN RUSH FOR SLAYER**

WHEN CROWD MENACED JAIL THAT HELD THE

MALLETT MURDERER

(SHOWS PICTURE OF LARGE LYNCH MOB RUSHING JAIL)

THE CROWD

Bent on meting out justice to George Straub with their own hands, several hundred persons congregated about the jail Tuesday night upon receipt of the report that he had made a confession, but lack organization and a leader doubtless prevented serious trouble. Conspicuous among these was HAROLD MALLET, brother of slain woman, who had come to Jackson from his home in Ontario, Oregon, to accompany the body home. Mallett became the center of a group of those who showed a desire to do violence and calling their attention to the fact that he had journeyed all the way from Oregon, offered to join with them in "GETTING" Straub.

About 10:15 the prisoner, dressed in a cap and uniform coat of a city fireman, was taken out the rear door of the Jail, placed in Coroner Mills automobile and rushed away accompanied by several officers. The crowd knew nothing of the departure. But a short time later, in an effort to get him into their hands, a portion of the men, led by two women, one of whom is said to have been forcibly turned back several previous attempts to enter the jail, moved forward with a rush and entering the building wandered through the open sections undisturbed. The doors being locked they were prevented from entering the cell block.

TEAR BOMBS HALT CROWD

Soon after it became apparent that trouble might develop from the crowd which was gathering rapidly at the jail, a large supply of tear gas bombs was rushed to Jackson from the headquarters of the State Police in Lansing. The gas was released by officers stationed on the roof of the jail and the blinding effect of bombs was felt by those who went within 30-40 feet of the jail building. The gas was worse nearer the building and many, who entered unmasked, returned to the fresh air with handkerchiefs tied over their faces. The prisoner was removed shortly after the first bombs were released it was learned and this failure to "GET" their man, together with the discomfiture attending the tear bombs, served to further incite the crowd.

Those who appeared to be considering real violence seemed to be in the minority, the major portion of the gathering remaining on the sidewalk and in the street out of curiosity talking among themselves with no apparent intent to go further. The crowd was massed close up to the building for the most part, not apart and in position to rush the jail. The people shifted their positions continuously, kjeeping the entire gathering in motion most of the time, none was present who choose to lead an attack.

Policemen circulated through the crowd all the time, a further step toward offsetting greater trouble. M Grove Hatch, possecuting attorney, watched the movement of the gathering from the front steps of the jail. Fire Cheig King remained at the jail ready to order out his firemen to disperse the crowd had it become a mob, but no reason was offered by the prople for action on

the firemen's part.

THROUGH GASPS FROM GAS

Several attempts were made by the crowd, after they had broken through the officers, to gain entrance to the jail office and finally a few of them accomplished the feat, their faces distorted, their breath coming in gasps from the tear gas.

Apparently, all the prisoners had been removed earlier in the evening to other quarters, and the vengeance of the mob for the time was vented in an inspection tour of the jail, testing the strength of the bars, the concrete walls and other furnishings of the modern county jail.

State Police Officer Mulbar at 11 o'clock sent a hasty wire to the State Department of Public Safety at Lansing, asking for all men and all tear gas that the department could send them. The men arrived about 1 o'clock.

Tear gas inside the jail was terrific. One sergeant of the police had the misfortune to break a tear gas in his pocket and he lay gasping on a cot in an adjoining room, until some relief could be brought to him.

Early in the evening, Rev E.M.Parrott, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal church, made an effort to calm the mob, but he was laughed and jeered at so that he had to abandon the attempt.

A large crowd gathered in front of the jail, first arrivals appearing at about 9:15. The news that Straub had confessed to the dastardly crime was made known by officers after they had run down the last clue and believed they had cinched the case against him.

The crowd quickly increased in size and the police were called in to keep them back. The men who had crowded up to the jail steps were forced back by officers. Although there were many cries of "GET A ROPE!" and several were heard discussing the possibility of taking Straub out of jail and hanging him, the crowd appeared good natured.

CROWD'S MOOD GROWS UGLY

But as the minutes passed, the mood of the crowd began to change. Half good naturedly they pressed back the police who again forced them out of the jail alley. Then the behavior of the crowd became more menacing.

They pressed forward and moved backward when pushed by the officers. They answered orders to move with catcalls and members of the state police appeared with bombs containing tear gas which they threatened to break among the masses. Although the crowd continued to send forth catcalls they kept at a respectable distance.

Left in full possession of the field, but mildly threatened the officers stood grouped around the

jail, watching the crowd which continued to increase in size until the whole first block, street and sidewalk across the street on North Jackson street, was crowded and people stood back on Main Street.

MEN MAKE RUSH ON JAIL

The mood of the crowd had become threatening by 10 o'clock and 10:25 fifty men made a determined rush on the jail, but were driven back by police, state police and sheriff's officers. Captain Jack Fagan and a force of 11 state police bearing the brunt of the fighting.

After the repulse of the first attack, however, another crowd began gathering near the High School. At various times the jail was threatened with attack from front and rear.

A throng was still lingering about the jail at an early hour this morning, but all signs of trouble had subsided.

JAIL INSPECTION

After the committee of investigation, led by Mrs. Helen Ryan had emerged from the jail, Sailor Lewis, former Jackson pugilist announced from the jail steps that the man was not inside.

"We have looked everywhere in the jail and he's not there." yelled Lewis at the crowd. This quieted the mob for a few minutes.

STATE TROOPER RUSHED

A few minutes later, however, Sergeant Bolan, of the state police, was surrounded by a crowd and an attempt made to rush him. The sergeant, was forced to draw his gun, and succeeded in backing his way to the jail yard veranda, where he was bitterly assailed by the mob, who evidently found some satisfaction in handing the state officer a few uncomplimentary remarks to which he apparently paid no attention.

Soon afterward Harold Mallett, brother of the slain woman, emerged from the jail, and also addressed the crowd.

MALLETT ADDRESSES CROWD

"As this dead woman's brother I can say that this man is not in this jail." he declared, His words were loudly cheered, and cries of "Where is he?" , "Where did they take him?" were heard from a hundred throats. Efforts to answer the queries were drowned in the noise.

Mrs. Ryan, who appeared to be one of the dominating spirits of the mob, added her voice to that of Mallett's and harangued the crowd, asking them to wait until the murderer was arraigned on

the charge and then he could be taken

"If you men here don't get him, then it will be up to us women." Mrs. Ryan told the crowd. She was loudly cheered, At this juncture the crowd began to break up.

ORGANIZE AUTO PARTIES

Unfortunately, the Marmon car which was used to take Straub from the jail returned from its trip at a few minutes after midnight. This brought some agitation from the crowd, which apparently sought to take vengeance on the driver of the car. However, they failed in their purpose for the driver gave the high-powered car a charge of gas and it shot southward on Jackson street at a wild rate. Its taillights disappearing in the distance. A couple of cars went in pursuit.

At this juncture several auto parties were organized to go to Mason and other surrounding county seats, where it was believed Straub had been taken.

Again another wild-eyed individual harangued the crowd stating that the Marmon was brought back through the streets just as a bluff, and that Straub was in the jail. With a rush another wave of men and women swept toward the jail entrance and entered the cell block on the lower floor to again seek the object of search

STRAUB STORY WAS OBTAINED BY P. KEYZER

SLAYER IS IDENTIFIED

MUCH OF CREDIT FOR GETTING CONFESSION GOES TO THE CITY'S CHEMIST

To Pieter Keyzer belongs much of the credit for obtaining the confession from Straub. Prosecuting Attorney, M. George Hatch expressed admiration for the manner in which Mr. Keyzer conducted the questioning of the accused "I misjudged the man, when I began questioning him" said Mr. Hatch.

"I endeavored to make it easy for him in leading him up to the point where he committed the assault. I thought if he had any finer sensibilities, he would not like to come out flatfooted and

tell just what happened and that is where I was mistaken. He seems to be afraid of Keyzer, and Keyzer was able to obtain answers when the rest of us were unable to do. When he answered Keyzer, he looked at us in a manner which seemed to say, ." Stated Mr. Hatch.

There was nothing particularly remarkable in the arrest of Straub. He was one of more than a score of suspects who were taken in a cleanup of the city which followed shortly after the murder. Straub was arrested last Saturday. In the meantime other suspects were picked up, The arrest of Meadowlark in Ohio at that time overshadowed everything else and the opinion was quite general that he was the guilty person.

Straub was a former inmate of Jackson prison and the history of the rime of which he was convicted was known to the officers. The officers also were in possession of a list of other former convicts who had served sentence for statutory offenses and all of these were to be gathered in and questioned. While there were incidents which would tend to direct suspicion toward Straub the evidence against him was stronger than that against at least four others suspects who had been picked up. It was not until Straub confessed that the officers knew that they were on the right track and even then they desired to conduct a further check to corroborate his story,

Tuesday evening shortly before the story of the confession was made public, Straub in company with several officers, some of whom were poorly dressed, was taken to Lansing avenue. The officers and the accused walked along the street and a man and a woman, who had seen a man who was believed to have committed the murder were asked to ascertain if the man they had seen on the night of the crime was in delegation, They immediately, without hesitation, picked out Straub.

DECLARE STRAUB BROKE INTO MANY HOMES HERE IN SEARCH OF VICTIMS

George Straub has broken into more than one home in Jackson in an effort to satisfy his lustful desires was brought to light soon after The Citizens Patriot extra, giving the details of his confession and showing a picture of the slayer was being sold in the residence sections of the city.

Mrs. Ada Smith, superintendent of the Crittenton Home, purchased one of The Citizens Patriot extras, and as soon as the picture of the murderer was seen by some of the girl residents of the home two of them exclaimed, "They knew Straub."

One of them exclaimed excitedly: "Why, that's George Straub. I know him. He broke into my parents home some time ago and my father nearly shot him."

The other said: "I have seen that man. He forced his way into our home and my father threw him out."

ASKS MORE PROTECTION

"I believe the Florence Crittenton Home is entitled to more protection than it has had in the past."

Said Mrs. Ada Smith, superintendent of the institution, Wednesday morning.

"I was followed by a man last spring after I got off the street car at the end of the line. And I speak from experience when I say it is a lonesome and fearsome walk from the car terminus to the home."

"Electric lights are few" she continued. "And with the limbs of the trees along the street hanging so low the lights do little good. Proper protection should be provided and I hope it will be done soon."

POLICE ON THE JOB

"I wish to say there will be no mob law in Jackson so long as the police force are on the job, and they were on the job Tuesday night at the jail." Said City Manager Crary this morning.

"I also want to say that the manner in which the police conducted themselves, their good humor under ???revocation, and the good judgment they displayed made me proud of them." Mr. Crary added, "I am certain the law-abiding people of this city are justified in having full confidence in the ability of the police to handle any situation that may arise."

George Straub confessed slayer of Miss Mallett is well known in police circles in Jackson, according to the report of officers and former officers Wednesday, following the publication of the man's confession added to the details of his degenerate life. He was constantly the cause of trouble and _____ and again proved the end _____ quest for a reported disorderly who after each offense, succeeded in hiding himself for a time. He was known as "Liver Li??."

Douglas Abbot, keeper at the Michigan State Prison and former police officer and constable recounted Wednesday to details leading up to the arrest and subsequent confinement of Straub in the Detroit House of Correction in March, 1913. At that time Abbott was a patrolman and, having received numerous reports of some man's having annoyed women in the vicinity of Blackstone and North street traced the trouble to Straub who lived then with his aged mother on the east side of Blackstone just north of North street. The man's most recent offense at the time has been attempted attack on a woman, He was frightened away shortly after having accosted her and her report brought about the search which later earned for the degenerate a 60 day term at Detroit this sentence having been given on March 9, 1913 by Police Judge Dahlem.

Prior to ___ being sentenced that time, Abbott talked with Straub's mother and she told of her son's character and was at loss to know how to deal properly with him, finally agreeing with officers that he would well be placed in confinement.

ANOTHER SUSPECT BROUGHT TO CITY

CHARLES JACKSON, TAKEN FROM CIRCUS, ARRIVES AFTER STRAUB'S CONFESSION

State Officer Treece and Police Detective Juan Piper, who followed the John Robinson circus to Sandusky, Painesville and Warren, Ohio, following the crime of last Thursday night in Jackson, returned about 10:30 Wednesday with Charles Jackson, suspect taken into custody at Warren Sunday night and the later was locked up at the police station.

Jackson, who is 41 years old and a native of Jacksonville, Fla., appears to be a man of about 30 years. He recounted Wednesday morning the details of his connection with the circus and also of the trouble which brought his arrest at Warren. Jackson stated that he had joined the show at Detroit on Sunday exactly two weeks prior to his arrest and named the several cities in which stops had been made before and after coming to Jackson. He was employed as a ticket seller and while the circus was waiting in Warren Sunday for the performance of Monday, went to a park where he spent some time with several of his acquaintances from the circus. Following Jackson's having been found in the women's toilet at the park, which he admitted Wednesday morning, he was twice threatened by a crowd of men there, the second time after he had entered a bus to return to the city, He was dragged from the machine and escaped violence at their hands by the arrival of police officers who following the investigation, turned him over to Treece and Piper. He was then brought back to Jackson, having left Warren, prior to the disclosure of Straub's confession here.

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STRAUB IMPLICATES

NEGRO

NAMES MEADOWLARK IN NEW CONFESSION AT LANSING

2ND CONFESSION GIVEN BY STRAUB RECALLS THE 1ST CONFESSION

June 14

ALLEGES COLORED MAN DEALT DEATH BLOW TO MATRON

BULLETIN.

(By Associated Press.)

Lansing---A second confession, in which George Straub, alleged confessed slayer of Alice Mallett, Jackson welfare worker denied his own implication and charged a Negro with the woman's murder was obtained from the former Jackson prison inmate by local police today, it was learned from authoritative sources. Although police refused to corroborate either the report that Straub is here, or that he had confessed, it is said that Straub made a second confession and that the Negro he named was Meadowlark, a circus employee.

According to Straub's second confession, he met the Negro who was armed with an ax, on a Lansing Avenue corner the night of the murder. The Negro, he said, invited him to go with him. Straub asserted that when the Negro was Miss Mallett he attacked her, struck her with the ax, tore her clothing from her body and assaulted her.

POLICE DOUBT NEW CONFESSION

He said he (Straub) had no part in the actual murder of the woman. Local police and state police, it is understood are inclined to doubt Straub's latest story. Marks found on the dead woman's body, according to state police were made by a man with a crippled right hand. Straub has such a hand.

Straub was brought here from Jackson Tuesday night after a threatening mob had gathered in front of the county jail at Jackson where he was confined.

Following Straub's new confession this morning Meadowlark was brought here from the Jackson jail and later officers took both the white and colored man in an automobile to another city. The police refused to tell where they intended to hide the two men.

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POLICE DOUBT GUILT OF STRAUB WHEN HE TELLS MORE STORIES

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Shoes That Fit Footprints Only Real

Evidence---Crowd Seeks Slayer In Ingham Jails

(By Associated Press)

Lansing, Mich., June 15---State police and local officers maintained a constant vigil today to guard against the possibility of mob violence against George Straub, alleged confessed slayer of Alice Mallett. Their fears for the safety of the prisoner, who is lodged in the Lansing city jail, were heightened by the visit of 50 men and youths from Jackson, led by Harold Mallett, brother of the slain woman, early this morning.

The Jackson delegation drove into Lansing at midnight, following information to the state police that a mob was on the way to "GET" Straub. The visitors were met at the outskirts of the city by Col. Roy C. Vandercook, state commissioner of public safety. He cautioned them against violence and they proceeded to the city jail where chief of Police Alfred Seymour warned them that the nearby guard of police and state police surrounding the jail had been ordered to shoot to kill. After a parley between the leaders of the miniature mob, Colonel Vandercook and Chief Seymour several of them were permitted to view, through a glass door the alleged murderer.

According to reports reaching here today from Mason, another group of Jackson men visited the Ingham county jail there last night and demanded Straub. They left after some parley with the sheriff.

When Straub was summoned to appear so that Mallett and his companions could look at him the man displayed no emotion whatever. He glanced only once at the brother of the woman he is alleged to have slain and then turned his attention elsewhere. The delegation did not pause long and shortly after they entered the jail they departed but throughout the night there were rumors that a larger mob was waiting south of the city for a propitious moment to storm the jail. There was no display of arms by the visitors. The guard around the jail composed of about 15 state police and as many local police was armed with teargas, revolvers and riot guns. The delegation was made up in the majority of youths.

REVEL STRAUB'S WHEREABOUTS

The veil of secrecy which has surrounded the movements of Straub since he was spirited away from Jackson Tuesday night in the face of a threatened mob, was officially drawn aside for the first time late Wednesday night, when newspaper men were permitted to view Straub, but not to interview him, as proof of his presence in the Lansing jail.

Today local state and Jackson county officers resumed here their task of attempting to piece together the conflicting stories told by Straub regarding the crime in his two reported confessions. Straub appeared, except on occasions, to have withdrawn behind a screen of sullenest and morosely. He apparently took little interest in the case. The strongest sentiment expressed by him following his reported confessions was one of amusement that he had been able to elude the mob at Jackson. As the former Jackson prison inmate answered questions ___ stood drooping and unemotional. With the exception of an occasional motion to brush a sleeve across huge, protruding lips or to twitch the crippled right hand, which led to his arrest on the theory that marks made on the murdered woman had been made by a man with an injured hand, his pose showed neither animation nor expression.

WHERE IS ALLEGED ACCOMPLICE?

The two confessions Straub is said to have made involved him, once as the murderer and once as the companion of a Negro whom he charged with the brutal killing. It is rumored that the Negro mentioned by him is detained here also, but no one has seen him and there is no verification from officers.

It is probable, according to Col. Vandercook, and M. Grove Hatch, prosecuting attorney of Jackson County who is here on the case, that Straub will be held here until the danger of mob attack in Jackson has subsided. It is also the desire of the officers in charge of the case to investigate Straub's charges implicating a Negro in the crime before he is arraigned. He will be arraigned in Jackson.

Doubt that George Straub ever will be made to suffer a penalty for the murder of Alice Mallett is beginning to be felt by local authorities who have been in close touch with the case from the beginning. Straub has told so many stories since his arrest that it is feared he is losing his mind and details of the crime as related by him can not be checked ___ by the officers in a manner conclusive enough to make a conviction sure beyond peradventure.

The only important detail in addition to Straub's alleged confession, thus far, is the fact that his shoes fit the footprints found in the soft earth at the scene of the crime near the Brockie home on Lansing avenue. It has been declared in official quarters that this in itself is not enough to make a case against the accused man.

STRAUB'S MIND TYPICAL?

On the other hand, the testimony of criminologists is to the effect that persons of Straub's mental type always act and speak as he has acted and spoken since his alleged confession. Experts declare that such persons always attempt the "hedge" and minimize their first statements after they have made them. It is probable that Straub will be placed under observation by one or more experts in the analysis of criminal types and much will depend on their conclusions, it is said.

Jackson officers also declared Thursday that they entertained considerable doubt as to the guilt of Clarence Meadowlark, the Negro named by Straub as his accomplice. Their investigations it is said fail to bear out Straub's allegations that the colored man was connected with the crime.

WILL ARRAIGN MAN HERE

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney. Arthur M. Wiggins said Thursday that should Straub stand trial he probably would be arraigned in Police Court here and held for trial in Circuit Court unless his counsel should obtain a change of venue to another county.

Harold Mallett, brother of the slain woman returned to Jackson Thursday morning after going to Lansing Wednesday night and visiting the jail where Straub is being held. Beyond declaring that he intended to do nothing to hamper the efforts of the officers in the case, Mr. Mallett refused to make any statement. He expressed high praise for the work done thus far by the authorities in running down his sister's murderer.

Continued threats of mob violence are hampering the officers in their work, according to Coroner Harry Mills, who stated that those who could be aiding in the investigation, were forced to turn their attention to guarding Straub, Coroner Mills expressed the opinion that the murderer had an accomplice in the killing of Miss Mallett.

STRAUB WAS SHUNNED AND FEARED IN OSCEOLA TOWN WHERE HIS

FAMILY LIVED

Confessed Slayer of Miss Mallett Was Considered a Brute by Hersey Folk---Described as "BLACK SHEEP" Of Family

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"Black sheep"

Older residents of Hersey, Osceola county, well remember the Straub family at the time of the assault committed by George Straub on a 13-year-old girl in that village. There were three sons and one daughter in the Straub family. George was regarded by the villagers as a man to be feared and shunned. Following his sentence to Jackson prison, the family unable to face the disgrace, moved to Ewart.

A Jackson woman, who lived in Hersey at the time of Straub's crime said, "Mothers warned their daughters against him, I would as soon have met a wild animal as George Straub if I had been unprotected."

Straub never married but consorted with numerous women of the lowest type. He had no trade but was a common laborer with but little education, He was not believed to be insane it was stated but simply brutish, While other members of the family were affiliated with the church and Sunday school, George Straub attended neither.

MOTHER IS DEAD

Following the death of the father of the family, Claud Straub, brother of George came to Jackson to live, bringing his mother with him. They lived on Cooper Street and following the release of George from Jackson prison he also resided with them, The mother is said to have died a few years ago. George _____ no affection for his mother and it is stated did not attend the funeral.

Frank Straub, a brother of the confessed slayer of Miss Mallett is now a resident of Grand Rapids. He formally resided in Jackson and married a Jackson girl. It is stated that Frank Straub and his wife separated because Frank permitted his brother, George to make his home with them. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Straub and they are living with the father. The mother is now a resident of Detroit.

STRAUB WAS "BLACK SHEEP"

Straub's mother it is stated was well educated and a likable sort of woman. The family was very poor and although a person was received the elder Straub having been a veteran of the Civil War,

the money was not sufficient for the family support.

George Straub was looked upon as the "Black Sheep" of the family and when following his release from Jackson prison, he returned to Evart, no one associated with him. _____ he returned to make his home in Jackson.

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STRAUB MAKES THIRD CONFESSION, TAKING ALL BLAME FOR CRIME

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June 16

"Third Confession"

WEIRD TALE OF THIRD DEGREE, WITH NEGRO AS "CORPSE," FIGURES IN LATEST DEVELOPMENT AT LANSING

(Shows a new picture of George Straub)

[Caption reads: THIS PICTURE OF GEORGE STRAUB WHO HAS MADE A THIRD CONFESSION TAKING ON HIMSELF ALL GUILT IN THE MURDER OF ALICE MALLET, WAS TAKEN THURSDAY BY THE LANSING POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR ITS RECORDS. THE BEST PICTURE OF STRAUB PUBLISHED BY THE CITIZEN PATRIOT, (JUNE 14) WAS TAKEN SEVERAL YEARS AGO AND WAS THE ONLY ONE AVAILABLE AT THE TIME]

Lansing Mich., June 16---George Straub, alleged slayer of Alice Mallett former matron of Crittenton Home at Jackson made a third confession this morning in which he reverted to his original story that he alone assaulted and murdered the woman according to Mr. Hatch, Jackson county prosecutor.

Mr. Hatch announced at noon that Straub had made a worn statement in which he absolved Clarence Meadowlark form complicity in the crime and shouldered the entire responsibility. The statement was made in the presence of Maj. Robert Marsh, an official of the state police organization, Mr. Hatch said.

STRAUB'S STATEMENT

In the statement Straub declared that on the night of June 9, when the murder was committed, he left the house of a man named Fowler "Mad over a quarrel over money matters." He intimated he left with the intention of assaulting a woman, He obtained an ax from a woodpile on a short street between Keeler and Adams in Jackson he declared. He met the woman on Lansing Avenue and spoke to her. Then, he continued, he attacked her and she scuffled

"I commenced to strike her over the head with the ax" the statement continued, "I struck her twice and knocked her down."

CUT CLOTHES FROM BODY

Straub then dragged her from the sidewalk, the state added and cut her clothes from her body and assaulted her. Then according to the statement, to make sure she was dead; he cut her throat with the ax. He took her handkerchief from her pocketbook, the statement relates and stuffed it in her mouth.

In answer to questions as to why he attempted to involve the Negro in the crime, Straub answered that he was a Negro that night and thought he, "might have charged him with the crime to make people think about the Negro instead of me."

"DID JOB ALONE"

"I did the job alone," he said in the statement. The prisoner detailed the assault upon a 13-year-old girl for which he served six years in Jackson prison and admitted that since his release from prison, he had been sent to the Detroit House of Correction for "drinking to much."

With the signed statement in the possession of officers indications are that Straub will be returned to Jackson for arraignment in a few days.

WEIRD TALE OF THIRD DEGREE

A weird tale of third degree methods was circulated in connection with the latest confession of the suspected man. Officers were said to have worked upon the superstitions of Straub by placing a white sheet over the form of Meadowlark, whom Straub named, in his second confession. Straub was then allowed to view the still form of the Negro and was told that he had suffered the death penalty for implication in the crime with which Straub had charged him. The prisoner was then informed that death was near for him and a rope was placed about his neck. He then is said

to have absolved the Negro from implication in the crime and declared that he was alone when he killed the woman.

EXPLAINS SECOND CONFESSION

According to officers, Straub stated that after his first confession in which he admitted that he committed the crime, he changed his story in his second confession because he thought it would be easier for him if two persons instead of one were implicated.

The Negro was again given a severe grilling this morning, but stoutly maintained his innocence. Despite the reported latest confession of Straub, officers continued to express doubt as to the creditability of his stories. Prosecutor Hatch was informed today that his order to pick up Charles Bradey, a Jackson colored man was carried out by the Jackson officers, but that the man had been released after questioning. It was thought he could throw some light on the case, but the authorities are convinced he knows nothing of value to them.

STRAUB WILL BE BROUGHT BACK TO CITY FOR TRIAL

(Special to THE CITIZEN PATRIOT)

Lansing, June 16---Gov. Alex J. Groesbeck, Thursday afternoon took a hand in the investigation of the murder of Miss Alice Mallett, of Jackson and following a conference with the Jackson county prosecuting attorney and sheriff, and Major Robert Marsh, deputy commissioner of the State Department of Public Safety, announced that George Straub, confessed slayer, would be returned to Jackson county and tried in the regular way.

"I think this mob movement and talk of lynching has gone just about as far as it should." Declared the Governor. "Michigan is not a state that will tolerate such actions, and any further attempts on the part of any so-called mob to take justice into its own hands, is going to meet with some stringent handling."

WILL RETURN STRAUB HERE

"Straub is going to be returned to Jackson and tried as any other prisoner is tried and there is not going to be any demonstration about the court, or any other place."

During the conference Thursday afternoon Major Marsh informed the Governor that the state police were fully prepared to take care of any emergency which may arise.

Adj. Gen. John S. Bersey reported to the Governor during the afternoon that there are two infantry companies in Ann Arbor, another in Kalamazoo and the battalion of artillery in Lansing

which could be used in the event it became necessary to call out the guard to handle the Jackson situation.

While the guard will be available, Governor Groesbeck says it will not be needed. He has impressed upon Jackson county officials that it is their duty to preserve the peace, and he is going to insist that they take such steps as are necessary to prevent another occurrence such as took place in Jackson last Tuesday evening.

FIND AX OWNER AGAIN

It had been originally planned to return Straub to Jackson Friday to be arraigned. Straub was questioned at length Thursday afternoon, and his story taken in shorthand. Pending a check of the details, he will probably be kept here and will not go to Jackson to be arraigned until early next week.

State police Thursday believed they had located the owner of the ax with which the woman was killed, but would give no details for publication. Their discovery, it is said, positively connects Straub with the crime, without considering his confession of the part he played in the killing.

BELIEVE STRAUB WAS DRUNK WHEN HE SLEW WOMAN

JUNE 19, 1922 MONDAY

Officers Unearth Evidence That Murderer May Have Had Some Moonshine

The belief that George Straub was under the influence of liquor when he brutally murdered Miss Alice Mallett is expressed by some officers as a result of an investigation by Pieter Keyzer and Police Detectives Phelps and Timmons.

Several days before Straub made his confession and 48 hours after the murder he was questioned at the jail. Chemist Keyzer examined the pupils of the man's eyes found them dilated and accused him of having been drunk on the night of the murder. This was denied by Straub.

According to Mr. Keyzer, Straub's eyes would be dilated even 48 hours after the murder if he were drunk at the time the crime was committed.

Despite Straub's denial, Mr. Keyzer and Detective Phelps and Timmons again visited the Fowler home where Straub had gone to pay a bill on the night of the murder of Miss Alice Mallett. Detective Phelps and Mr. Keyzer states that Mrs. Fowler said she observed a bottle alleged to

contain moonshine whisky in the ex-convict's possession. Straub drew the bottle from his pocket and took a drink in the presence of Mrs. Fowler, Pieter Keyzer says she told him.

STRAUB ON WAY TO PRISON FOR LIFE TERM

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June 20, 1922

Tuesday

MURDERER SENTENCED TO MARQUETTE SOON AFTER ARRAIGNMENT

SLAYER OF MISS MALLETT WHISKED AWAY TO GRAND RAPIDS, FOLLOWING BRIEF COURT ACTION TUESDAY

Life imprisonment in the penitentiary at Marquette was the sentence imposed by Circuit Judge Williams Tuesday morning on George Straub, confessed slayer of Miss Alice Mallett, matron of the Florence Crittenton Home, who was slain the night of June 9, while on her way to the home.

TROUBLE RUMORS CHANGE PROGRAM

The authorities had planned to take Straub from Jackson to Marquette today, but soon after he had been sentenced rumors reached the jail that local factory workers were intending to march on the place at noon. Rather than take any chances, the officers changed their program at once. Straub was hustled into an automobile and placed aboard a train for Grand Rapids under guard of two deputy sheriffs.

WILL BE BEHIND BARS SOON

When Straub was taken from the jail a large crowd was on hand and it was necessary for the

officers to clear a line through the throng. No demonstration was made, however, and the criminal was on his way to Grand Rapids soon afterward. He will be held there until the journey to Marquette can be completed and he probably will be behind the bars of the northern prison inside 24 hours.

Straub, heavily guarded by state police, was brought to Jackson from Lansing shortly before 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, Police Judge Simpson was in waiting at the court room and the formality of arraignment on a murder charge was ____ before him. Straub waived examination and was immediately bound over to the Circuit Court.

ENTERS GUILTY PLEA

He was taken before Circuit Judge William's and following the reading of the information by Prosecuting Attorney Hatch, Straub entered a plea of guilty. Undersheriff Kutt was sworn in and gave testimony relative to the confession, which Straub had made at Lansing. His testimony reviewed matters already given the public. He asserted no threats were made against Straub to induce him to plead guilty. "The court determines this to be a case of murder in the first degree." said Judge William's at the conclusion of the officer's testimony.

COURT LASHES STRAUB

Straub, who had been seated in the meantime, was commanded to stand up. He shuffled around the chair occupied by the prosecutor and stood before the court. "Have you anything to say as to why the sentence of the court should not be pronounced?" Asked the judge. "NO" replied Straub. "Words are inadequate to characterize the crime to which you have pleaded guilty, and even if words were adequate, I would say would have no effect." said the judge who then proceeded to sentence Straub to life imprisonment in Marquette prison.

COURT ROOM CROWDED

Although an effort was made to keep from the public the hour, at which the prisoner would be arraigned, the court room was well filled with spectators when Straub, wearing a long heavy dust covered overcoat, was brought in for sentence.

Mounted police were stationed in front of the jail and in the alley leading from the jail to the Courthouse.

State police on foot were also stationed both in the alley adjoining the Courthouse and inside the building. A number of uniformed officers from the police department were also stationed in the court room while sheriff's officers and plain clothes officers from the police department and the State Department of Public Safety also mingled with the spectators.

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THRONG IS QUIET

There was no demonstration on the part of the men and woman who gathered in the courtroom and in the street outside. Those who were present were drawn to the scene through curiosity. Several automobiles, loads of officers accompanied Straub from Lansing where he had been held since he was smuggled away from the Jackson jail last Tuesday night after officers became alarmed lest an attempt be made to lynch him.

The automobile carrying the accused was driven into the adjoining courthouse and Straub was immediately taken into an anteroom just off the courtroom. Here Police Judge Simpson was in waiting and the arraignment was made, the prisoner waiving examination.

FIRE BELL IS KNELL

The arraignment was made shortly before 9 o'clock and at the 9 o'clock bell tolled in a neighboring fire engine house. Circuit Court was called to order, Straub had been kept in an adjoining room preparatory to arraignment and before the bell had finished tolling he was brought before the court.

Straub presented a most repulsive figure as he stood before the court. Stoop shouldered, his swarthy face covered with several days' growth of black _____ beard, he looked more like an ape than he did a man. He was unmoved by the court proceeding and paid no attention to the throngs that pressed forward anxious to look upon him. He seemed but little interested in what was taking place.

HURRIED OFF TO PRISON

The court was necessarily brief in imposing sentence, as it was the desire of the officers to have the formality disposed of as quickly as possible. Immediately after sentence had been passed Straub, surrounded by guards, was taken from the courtroom and to the county jail.

All plans for the immediate removal of Straub to Marquette prison were completed prior to his arraignment and even the commitment papers had been drawn. These were turned over to the officers, together with the judge's statement in the case and he left soon after for the Upper Peninsula prison.

JUDGE'S STATEMENT

Judge William's' statement regarded to Straub's case is as follows:

"RESPONDENT PLEADED GUILTY TO AN INFORMATION CHARGING MURDER. THE CRIME IN QUESTION WAS A MOST ATROCIOUS ONE. THE RESPONDENT EVIDENTLY DELIBERATELY STARTED OUT TO ASSAULT SOME WOMAN CRIMINALLY AND AS A PART OF THE CRIME STOLE AN AX. ON LANSING

AVENUE, IN THIS CITY WHICH IS THE MAIN THOROUGHFARE TO LANSING, IS A PAVED, MUCH TRAVELED STREET, HE ACCOSTED THE MATRON OF THE CRITTENTON HOME, WHICH IS A HOME FOR DELINQUENT GIRLS, AS SHE WAS RETURNING TO THE HOME ABOUT 10:30 P.M. HE AT ONCE GRAPPLED WITH HER, AND IN THE STRUGGLE THAT ENSUED, HE STRUCK HER TWICE WITH THE AX, CRUSHING HER SKULL. HE THEN DRAGGED THE WOMAN FROM THE SIDEWALK BACK INTO THE SHADOW OF SOME TREES ADJOINING A VACANT LOT, WHERE HE CUT THE WOMAN'S _____ STRINGS WITH THE AX, PULLED DOWN HER CLOTHES AND CRIMINALLY ASSAULTED HER, AFTER WHICH HE CUT HER THROAT WITH THE AX TWICE AND MADE HIS ESCAPE WITHOUT HAVING BEEN DISCOVERED.

RESPONDENT'S PREVIOUS CRIMINAL HISTORY, SO FAR AS KNOWN TO THE COURT IS AS FOLLOWS; HE WAS SENTENCED FROM OSCEOLA COUNTY IN 1902, TO MICHIGAN STATE PRISON AT JACKSON FOR STATUTORY RAPE ON A 13-YEAR-OLD GIRL, BEING RELEASED IN 1907. I UNDERSTAND THAT RESPONDENT HAS ALSO BEEN CONFINED SEVERAL TIMES FOR BEING DRUNK.

RESPONDENT IS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF 43 YEARS OLD, NEVER MARRIED, AND HAS BEEN A DAY LABORER FORMERLY WORKING IN THE LUMBER CAMPS AND IS APPARENTLY VERY FAMILIAR WITH AN AX."

June 21, 1922

Wednesday

STRAUB WILL BE BEHIND BARS AT MARQUETTE SOON

Murderer Crosses Straits Today After Spending Night In Emmett Jail

(By Associated Press)

Mackinaw City, Mich.,---George Straub, confessed slayer of Miss Alice Mallett, Jackson welfare worker, today was on the last lap of his journey to Marquette prison, where he was yesterday sentenced to spend the remainder of his life at hard labor in solitary confinement. Straub was kept in the Emmett county jail at Petoskey last night, there being no night boat across the Straits and his guards deeming it inadvisable to hold him in the local jail. Officers at Petoskey had not been notified the prisoner was coming, and did not meet the guard at the train. A small crowd at the station recognized the prisoner, and a few of the more curious followed him to jail. The journey to Marquette was resumed this morning and Straub will be received in the prison this afternoon.

STRAUB FEARS MARQUETTE PRISON; WANTED COURT TO SEND HIM TO LOCAL 'PEN'

Murderer Enters Northern Institution Today With Dread in His Heart Two Suspects Still Held in Jail Here

That George Straub, confessed slayer of Alice Mallett, who today becomes a life inmate of Marquette prison, was much concerned about being sent to the lonely Northern Michigan institution, was recalled by Sheriff Larrabee, Wednesday.

"While at no time was Straub talkative," said the sheriff, "he expressed a dread of being sent to Marquette, and on the occasion of my first trip to Lansing, after he was confined in the jail there said that he didn't want to go to the up-state prison. On the return trip, he also brought up the same subject and said that he hoped he would be committed to Jackson for he was afraid of Marquette."

ASKED SHERIFF'S HELP

Mr. Larrabee stated that Straub also asked the Jackson county sheriff if he would not intercede with the judge, who sentenced him in an effort to have him, committed to the local prison. His

desire was not granted however.

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The armed guard which entered Jackson with the sheriff and Constable Timmons when they brought back Straub and Clarence Meadowlark, a Negro suspect, did not leave the Lansing jail with the officers, and for several mile along the road the sheriff's machine traveled alone, with the possible exception of a car in the rear loaded with newspaper reporters. "At frequent intervals we passed members of the state police department." The sheriff stated. "When our car left the Lansing jail, Col. Vandercook, of the state police was there, but no guard surrounded us as we left, and we supposed that the officers had deemed it inadvisable to send a guard with us." It was only at the edge of the city that the sheriff picked up the escort, waiting on the road for him. Mounted officers, who acted as an escort, had been dispatched from the state police headquarters at Lansing on the night before and spent several hours here before the Straub party arrived.

MEADOWLARK STILL HELD

Clarence Meadowlark, the circus employee, is still being held at the jail, as the officers are looking up his record. While nothing has developed which will hold him in Jackson, the sheriff has taken fingerprints of the man and is carefully checking up his history.

Charlie Jackson, another circus employee, who was arrested in Warren, Ohio, on a charge of indecency, and who also was brought back to Jackson as a suspect, is being held at the county jail on a similar charge placed by local officers, the offense having been committed when the show was in Jackson. Jackson will be tried on the charge in a short time.

Several vagrants, who were picked up the day after the murder, are serving jail sentences, but as soon as their sentences expire on the minor charge they will probably be released.

June 22, 1922

Thursday

STRAUB HELD IN "SOLITARY" AT MARQUETTE 'PEN'

Jackson Murderer Will Be Put at Work After 30 Days

(By Associated Press)

Marquette, Mich.,---George Straub, confessed slayer of Miss Alice Mallett, of Jackson, was in solitary confinement at the branch prison here today. Straub, arrived late Wednesday in custody of several officers who reported the trip from Jackson was without incident. The slayer will be held in solitary confinement for 30 days, then put to work with other convicts, it is announced.

June 24, 1922
Saturday

STRAUB CASE CAUSES CHANGE IN MICHIGAN PRISON PAROLE PLAN

Criminals Of Jackson Murderer's Type Must Undergo Test Before They Are Turned Loose On World

(Citizen Patriot Lansing Bureau)

Lansing, Mich.,---Radical changes in the paroling of certain types of prisoners from Michigan penal institutions are to be placed in immediate effect as a result of the case of George Straub, murderer of Miss Alice Mallett, who Tuesday was sentenced to life imprisonment in Marquette. In the future, before persons of the moron-type or those who have been sentenced for criminal assault are released on parole, they must first undergo a psychological study under the supervision of Dr. Robert H. Haskell, superintendent of the hospital for the criminal insane at Ionia or some other competent physician to determine whether they show any of the tendencies which might make them a public menace would they be released.

While considerable experimenting has been done along this line by Fred E. Janette, commissioner of pardons and paroles, it has not been the practice in all cases because of the lack of the means for making such studies.

LAW WAS IGNORED

Straub was not a parole convict. He completed his sentence of six years in Jackson prison and was discharged. Had the State law regarding discharged prisoners been followed out, Straub would not have remained in Jackson. Under the law concerning discharged prisoners, upon his release the prisoner is entitled to a suit of clothes, from \$5 to \$10 in cash, and it is made mandatory upon the warden of the prison from which the prisoner is discharged to purchase him a railroad ticket to the city from which he was sentenced, or to some other city to be elected by the prisoner, and places him on the train bound to his destination. If the prisoner does not complete the journey, under the law he is guilty of misdemeanor.

NOTE:

This article has more to it, but the time allowed researchers expired.

Straub's prisoner's inmate Information

MARQUETTE PRISON INMATE INFORMATION

No. 3336 Received: June 21st, 1922 -- 3:30 P.M.

Name: George Straub Alias: George Moore

County: Jackson Sentenced: June 20th 1922

Not to exceed: Life Crime: Murder 1st degree

By Judge: Benjamin Williams

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Age: 46 Born: Allegan County, MI Year: 1876

Nationality: American Religion: Protestant Complexion: Medium Fair

Hair: Dark Chestnut w/Gray Forehead: Rec. Eyes: Blue

Nose: Sinuous Mouth: Large Chin: round

Build: Small Lips: upper-thin Lower: Thick

Home Residence: Jackson Where: Shepherd- Jackson-Marion

Yrs. in Mich: 46 Yrs. outside Mich: None Occupation: Laborer

RELATIVES

Parents Born Where? Mother: Allegan, Mich. Father: Allegan, Mich.

Parents: dead.

Brothers: Philip (in Jackson) -- Frank & Claude (WhiteCloud)

MARKS & SCAR

· Vac. scar 5/8" x 3/4", 4 1/2" above left elbow outer. Vertical scar 1/8" 1st joint left little finger outer, Pen. scar 1/4" long between 1st & 2nd joint left middle finger outer.

· Right index middle, ring, outer, little finger arckyloyd. Raged scar 3 1/2" lower right wrist

· Right Hand crippled from cut

· Raised bumps 3/4" x 3/4" -- 3/4 to R. of M. L. on upper forehead

· Large brown mole 3/8" x 1/4", 1 7/8" left of middle lower back

· Upper back & shoulders covered with pit marks

· Brown marks of truss 2 3/4" x 1 7/8" over all of left hip. Faint mark from truss 3 1/2" x 3" over all of

right hip

· Lower lip pendant

MEASUREMENTS

Height -- 66-5 IM Eng. Height -- 5' 57/8" Outs. A. -- 74 IM

Trunk -- 87-2 Head Length -- 19-8 Head Width -- 16-5

Cheek, Width -- 14-5 R. Ear -- 7-5 Foot length -- 27-4

Mid. finger length -- 11-9 Lit. finger length -- 9-4 Fore Arm length -- 47-9

Chin -- short Weight -- 140-145 lbs. Shoes -- 5-6 7/8

Lips -- upper-thin Bread -- Dark Chestnut

lower thick & protruding Minor Children -- No Drink -- No

Smoke -- No Yrs. School -- None Owner of Real Estate -- No

Chew -- Yes Dope -- No Venereal -- No

PRISON TRANSFER & INFORMATION CARD

Name: STRAUB, George No. 40450 Prison: Marquette & Jackson

Crime: Murder Term: Life Sentenced: June 20/22, 1922

County: Jackson Serial No: 40450-7775 Alais: George Moore
REMARKS: Transferred form Marquette
1/29/44 Died at Prison Hospital at 10:40 p.m.
ACTIONS: 2-7-23 _____ No Action
9/24/37 Transferred to Jackson Prison
1/29/44 Died

CLAUD STRAUB (Brother of George)

CLAUD STRAUB ADMITS CRIME AGAINST GIRL

Brother of George, Murderer of
Alice Mallett Confesses After
Child's Mother acts
July 6, 1923

(The Jackson Citizen Patriot)

Claud Straub, when arraigned before Judge Parkinson shortly before 3 o'clock, on two counts, entered a plea of guilty to the second. Asked if he had anything to say before being sentenced, the prisoner was mute. "They ought to hang such men as you." The judge told the prisoner. "But there is no law to do it. I sentence you to serve eight to ten years in Jackson prison, with a recommendation that you serve the maximum term."

Claud Straub, 35 years old, brother of George Straub, who is serving a life sentence in Marquette prison for the murder of Alice Mallett, was arraigned in Circuit Court this afternoon, charged with an attack upon an 8-year-old girl. Before entering court Straub told Assistant Prosecutor Barnard he would enter a plea of guilty. Straub was arrested Thursday night by Patrolman Van Dusen at the fairgrounds on complaint of the girl's mother. The attack in question having occurred Tuesday night. Straub, it is alleged threatened to kill the child if she told her mother, but she disregarded the threat. In company with her mother she visited the fairgrounds Thursday night and while they were seated in an automobile Straub passed them. The woman stopped him and a fight occurred, ending in Straub's arrest by the officer.

Friday morning Straub was taken to the office of Assistant Prosecutor Barnard and in the presence of that official and police detectives confessed to the crime with which he is charged. He is said to have stated that he enticed the girl from a sideshow to a spot at the south end of the grandstand.

JACKSON STATE PRISON INMATE INFORMATION

No. 15458

Name: Claud Straub

Offense: Assault to Rape

Sentenced: July 6, 1923 Recieved: July 7, 1923 County: Jackson

Min. Term: 8 yrs Max. Term: 10 yrs Max. Recommended: 10 yrs

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Measurements: 70.9 | 5.75/16 | 1.78 | 92.1 | 219.7 | 15.4 | 7.3 | 4.2 | 27.1 | 12.0 | 9.4 | 46.2 | 16.5

Ragged hor. cic. under center of lower lip

Large Mole right side of neck collar line

Age: 40 Born: Bannister, MI Nationality: German Religion: ?

Complexion: Med. Dark Hair: Med. Chestnut Forehead: Rec'd M.M. Eyes: Blue/Gray

Lips: Lower Thick Mouth: Small Nose: Med. Wi. Hump. Hor. Chin: Low

Eyes: slightly cross Teeth: Broken & Decayed Ear Lobe: Med. Check: Full

Build: Med/Lrg Sht. Grt. Ear Border: Med Occupation: Laborer School: 2 yrs

Smoke: yes Drink: No Dope: No Chew: Yes

Conjugal: Single Home Residence: Jackson Venereal: No

Relatives Outside MI: No Former Imprisonment: No

Parents born where? Mother: Mich.-dead Father: Mich.-dead

Relatives, Michigan: 3 brothers Phillip in Jackson, Frank c/o Odd Fellows home in Jackson, George in Marquette Prison

Tattoos:

Girl shading eyes with left hand letters W.C.S (William Claud Straub)

Anchor front forearm

Res. cic 3rd ph ind. finger out & rear

Old Hickory, Labor Insignia, B of A.R. Insignia, below 950, Joggs, Clasped hands

Art wreath forearm front. Diamond shaped

Bracelet around wrist letters "S" wrist rear

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Forward

Attached are the newspaper articles from the time the body, lynch mob, trial and sentencing. Plus an article of the change in the Michigan parole laws that was directly related to the murder of Miss Alice Mallett, committed by George Straub. The 1922 prison information sheet with mug

shot. And 1 article on Claud Straub, brother of George who was sentenced to 10 years for an assault on a 10 year girl. The articles are from "The Citizen Patriot". Jackson, Jackson Co., MI. It was referred to as "The Mallett Murder." [Nancy Straub Holben](#), my relationship to George is he was the brother of my Grandfather Straub, (that makes him my Great Uncle). Please visit my website at: [REV. BENJAMIN STRAUB FAMILY" AND " SMITH HOLMES FAMILY](#)

Jackson Murder

"THE MALLETT MURDER"

THE CITIZENS PATRIOT

Jackson, Michigan

HEADLINES AND ARTICLES

JUNE 9, 1922 THRU JUNE 24, 1922

JACKSON WOMAN IS

MURDERED

June 9, 1922 Friday

THE VICTIM

Was well known in Bay City

(Shows picture of Miss Alice Mallett).

PICTURE CAPTION:

Miss Alice Mallett who was murdered in Jackson last night was director at the YWCA cafeteria in Bay City from 1915 – 1918 and was very well known here. She is described as being a very upright woman and was especially well liked.

BRING THE MALLETT MURDER FIEND TO JUSTICE!

Jackson city and county officials should offer rewards in an amount sufficient to incite strenuous efforts by both the police and the public to run down and bring to justice the fiendish murderer of Miss Alice Mallett. The Citizens Patriot is certain that the sentiment of the community is unanimous that nothing be left undone to catch and punish this criminal.

No matter what the cost may be, it will be justified if the atrocious crime against this good woman is avenged. It is high time that Jackson serves notice that such dastardly deeds can not with impunity be committed within its boundaries. Every resource of human energy and public finance should be placed behind this effort. Let there be no limit on either!

MISS MALLETT

MATRON OF CRITTENTON HOME

VICTIM OF AX SLAYER LAST NIGHT

June 10, 1922, Saturday

WOMAN IS STRUCK DOWN BY ASSAILANT ON LANSING AVENUE, SKULL

FRACTURED AND THROAT MUTILATED-BODY FOUND EARLY FRIDAY

WITH BLOODY AX NEARBY- BLOODHOUNDS ARE CALLED TO TRACK

THE MURDERER.

At 2:20 the bloodhounds brought from Lansing had struck a scent and were following it rapidly west on West Madison Street. They were baying loudly and pulling on the leash.

Her throat cut and her skull crushed in, the almost nude body of Miss Alice Mallett, 35 years old, matron at the Florence Crittenton Home, was found Friday morning about 5:30 am in the yard at the side of the Robert J. Brockie residence, 1211 Lansing Avenue. Near the body and leaning

against a flowerpot, was a bloody ax with which the murder had been committed.

The police department was notified, Coroner Mills was summoned and the sheriff's department and officers from the state Department of Public Safety were soon on the scene and began a quest for the murderer. A call was put in to Mason for bloodhounds to take up the trail of the slayer, which was plainly in evidence in a garden plot nearby through which the body had been dragged.

VICTIM WAS ON WAY HOME

Miss Alice Mallett was assaulted between 10:30 and 11 o'clock Thursday night while she was on her way to the Crittention Home after calling upon Mrs. Adelle Welch, a dressmaker, at 511 Winthrop Street. According to Mrs. Welch, Miss Mallett called at her home at 7 o'clock in the evening and remained there until shortly before 10 o'clock. Mrs. Welch accompanied her as far as the corner of Gransom Street and Steward Avenue and they purchased some ice cream at a drug store.

Mrs. Welch volunteered to accompany Miss Mallett further on her walk home, but Miss Mallett told her this was unnecessary as the moon was shining brightly and she was not afraid. Miss Mallett carried two dozen eggs which had been _____ her and also a parasol and some flowers.

ASSAILANT STRUCK FROM BEHIND

It has been definitely established by the officers that Miss Mallett was not attacked until after 10:30 o'clock and _____ up on the time, which she parted from Mrs. Welch, indicates that she arrived in front of the Brockie home shortly after 10:30 o'clock.

Miss Mallett was apparently struck down by a person who came up behind her and the ax, later found beside the body, was undoubtedly the weapon used. She wore a straw hat and the blade of the ax cut through this and inflicted a deep gash in the head fracturing the skull. It is not believed she made an outcry as she was probably knocked unconscious before she had the opportunity to defend herself. The theory of the officers is that she was grabbed by her assailant as she started to fall. The sack of eggs fell to the sidewalk, some of the eggs being broken.

FIND: CRIMINAL'S FOOTPRINTS

Indications are that the body of the woman was dragged across one corner of the garden plot, which adjoins the Brockie home on the north. In the soft earth are marks which show where a part of the body had been dragged while adjoining these marks are the footprints of a man. On the lawn at the side of the house the assailant apparently stopped to obtain a new hold on his victim and then continued dragging her east within a few feet of the Brockie house. While there were traces of blood on the sidewalk and in the grass at the side, the grass through which the body was dragged was matted with blood. Near a tree only a few feet from the house the assailant again stopped and it was here that he ripped open Miss Mallett's purse and rifled it of its contents. It was at this point too that he completed the murder, slashing the unconscious woman's

throat. All of the clothing was ripped from the body the apparel being torn. One theory is that the murderer was looking for money and failing to find much in the purse continued the quest upon the person of his victim. Near the body was found Miss Mallett's coat soaked with blood. Blood had also spattered several feet, spots being found upon nearby plants and upon the grass.

HANDKERCHIEF USED AS GAG

Beneath the tree was found a man's blood stained handkerchief and bearing marks that it had been used as a gag in the woman's mouth when she was struck down on the sidewalk.

That the murderer must have been covered with blood when he left the scene is the opinion of the officers and although a careful search was made of the vicinity no more trace of clothing could be found.

The scene of the crime is near the corner of Lansing Avenue and Jefferson Street and it is believed the slayer ran back of the Brockie home and to the east toward the circus grounds following the murder.

BROCKIE DISCOVERS BODY

The crime was first discovered Friday morning by Mr. Brockie when he saw the body as he was coming down stairs from his bedroom. He thought the body was that of a man and hurried to a neighbor and told him someone had been hurt. Upon returning the body of Miss Mallett was found.

Mr. Brockie attended the John Robinson circus Thursday evening and returned home about __:30, retiring shortly after. While the neighborhood is quite but populated no one was found by the officers who could throw any light upon the crime.

The spot where Miss Mallett was first attacked in very dark, the branches of trees hanging low over the sidewalk. There is no street light in the immediate vicinity.

The murderer must have worked quickly is indicated by the fact that there were many persons on the street at about the time of the crime and automobiles passing at frequent intervals. The circus was over about 10:30 and many autoists made there way back to the city by way of Lansing avenue. However, unless the assailant was noticed at the time he made the attack on the ___walk that he was safe from interruption after he had dragged the victim back under the tree on the Brockie yard.

POLICE SEEK UNKNOWN WHO ATTACKED WOMAN ON SOUTH ELM AVENUE

A clue in the Mallett murder case, which is being followed by the officers, is that an unidentified man in the city of Jackson has been attacking women and may be the same one who murdered the matron of the Crittenton Home. Monday night the unknown threw his arms around a young woman who was walking on South Elm Avenue. She managed to break away and escaped.

A similar attack was made on a young woman in the Drexel addition last night. According to the officers this young woman escaping the man had thrown his arms around her. Officers rushed to the scene shortly after the attempted assault but the unknown had succeeded in making his escape.

MAY IDENTIFY MAN

An attempt has been made to tract the unknown and officers' state that they believe his identity has been learned.

The ax with which Miss Mallett was slain was placed in the front window of The Citizens Patriot at the request of Coroner Mills Saturday morning. The coroner requests that any person who has lost an ax view the one in The Citizens Patriot window to learn if it is their property.

Large numbers of persons viewed the bloodstained ax in The Citizens Patriot window Saturday morning but none identified it.

STILL COMB CITY

The hunt is still being pressed in Jackson by the officers who are investigating every clue no matter how slight, although it is believed that the murderer has left the city. The grounds in the vicinity of the Lansing avenue home where the body was found have been gone over thoroughly and it is believed that nothing more can be accomplished at the scene of the murder, although the vicinity is still being watched.

Officer Treece attempted to communicate from Sandusky with the local sheriff's department by long distance telephone stating that he had something of importance to communicate but the officers were unable to make out anything further he said. He was notified to forward a telegram.

Coroner Mills announced that no inquest would be held, unless officials request it.

VICTIM WAS RAVISHED

Examination of the body which was made by Doc. G.A. Seybold and Thomas E. Hacker Friday afternoon disclosed that Miss Mallett had been ravished after her dead body had been dragged from the sidewalk to the lawn at the side of the Brockie home on Lansing avenue. The examination also disclosed that the right side of the skull had been crushed in, this probably resulting from the first blow struck while she was on the sidewalk. On the back of the head were two other deep scalps wounds, neither of which fractured the skull. The head was nearly severed

from the body and in the opinion of the doctors this wound was inflicted by a knife indications being that the knife had been drawn twice across the throat,

The body of Miss Mallett will probably be shipped to her home in Ontario, Oregon and it is stated that a funeral service will be conducted here sometime Monday the hour to be announced later. A brother of the murdered woman is now on his way and is expected to arrive in Jackson at 6pm Monday.

Whether or not an inquest will be held has not yet been decided by the coroner.

PATROL ROADS ALL NIGHT

Roads throughout Jackson county were patrolled last night by posses of sheriff officers, policemen, members of the State Department of Public Safety and volunteers in the quest for the murderer it being the opinion of the officers that if the slayer was in hiding he would probably travel during the night, Twenty-three men, who were unable to give a satisfactory account of themselves ere brought to the jail during the night and locked up pending investigation, Anticipating a round-up there is an exodus of vagrants from the city Friday and the usual haunts of the outskirts of the city were deserted.

The patrolling of the county roads was continued until about 2 o'clock in the morning when the searchers weary and wet from the drenching rain which fell early in the evening reported at sheriff office and then went home.

During the early part of the evening, Barney Love who lives in the west part of the city reported he had discovered some clothing spread on the grass in underbrush in the Drexel addition. Officers were soon searching that part of the city and found the clothes which consisted of a mans coat, a blue shirt and a ___ of underclothing. The coat bared the name of a Bay City _____. The clothing was sent to a chemist for examination buy no blood was marks were found.

MURDER VICTIM WAS MEMBER OF PIONEER FAMILY

***MISS MALLETT CAME FROM HOME OF WELL-KNOWN OREGON STATE FOLK.**

CHARACTER OF SLAIN WOMAN IS LAUDED BY HER FRIENS IN CITY*

(By Associated Press)

Portland, Ore., June 10 --- Miss Alice Mallett slain at Jackson, Mich., was the daughter of a prominent pioneer family of Malheur county Oregon. Her mother Mrs. ____ Mallett and several sisters and brothers reside at Ontario, Oregon. She had been absent from Oregon for the greater

part of six years.

Miss Mallett attended Willamette University when _____ but left college at the end of her sophomore year. She resided in Ontario until six years ago when she received an offer to enter YWCA in Flint, Mich., which she accepted. More recently she was in the same service at Bay City and Jackson Mich., designing to take a post at the Florence Crittenton Home,

Miss Alice Mallett who was murdered Thursday evening has been spoken of by all her associates as a woman of fine character and splendid principles and many others connected with the two organizations spoke very highly of Miss Mallett and her worthy.

She was very decent it was said by those who came in contact with her work both at the Y.W.C.A and the Crittenton Home. Miss Mallett had prepared the menus for the meals at the home about four weeks in advance so the girls were able to go about their duties Friday morning in the accustomed manner. On the afternoon of the day she was killed Miss Hagdon stated she had been downtown ordering the supplies for the annual dinner of the Crittenton Circle which was to be held at the home next Monday.

For two years Miss Mallett taught the Sunday school class at the home which is held every Sunday afternoon preceding the vespers services. Mrs. Norman said Saturday morning that it was once her privilege to hear Miss Mallett teach one of these classes. "And I think" said Mrs. Norman "that she was one of the most remarkable and one of the finest lessons I ever heard."

Special Edition

June 10, 1922 Friday

(2nd print of the day)

BRING NEGRO SUSPECT HERE!

WILL QUESTION MAN TAKEN AT

KALAMAZOO WITH BLOODY CLOTHES

Twenty-Year Old Negro Being Returned Here From Kalamazoo After Telling Story Queer

(by the Associated Press)

Kalamazoo, Mich.---Freeman Hockett, Alias "Blackie" Burns, colored, 20 wearing a shirt smeared with blood about the cuffs and bearing fresh bruises on his right wrist, is being detained here as a suspect in connection with the brutal slaying of Miss Alice Mallett, in Jackson Thursday. Hockett was taken out of a train box car loaded with automobiles in Botsford yards here late last night.

When police questioned him he was unable to give satisfactory explanation of his actions in Jackson the

Night of the murder. Hockett claims Nashville, Tenn. as his home.

Hockett was questioned by Jackson officers who arrived here about noon. He stated that he had been working in Hammond, Ind., and had gone to Detroit; that he boarded a train in that city, crawling into a car loaded with automobiles. He said he left the train at Ann Arbor to obtain something to eat; that when he again boarded the train there were 20 other hobos on board. He told the officers that in some unknown manner he became locked alone in the car carrying the automobiles and when he got to Kalamazoo he began shouting to attract the attention of someone to the car to unlock the door. The car door was opened by the police and Hockett was arrested.

He was found to be wearing several suits of clothes and the sleeves of his shirt were blood stained. Bloodstains were also found on his underclothes. He carried a jack-knife and 27 cents on his person. His body was covered with small scars, the result, he said, of fights. He asserted he had had trouble with a woman in Cincinnati, causing the blood marks on his clothes. There were no wounds on his body.

Hockett, in company with Undersheriff Kutt, Coroner Mills and a reporter for The Citizens Patriot, left for Jackson about 1:30 o'clock.

EXPECT ARREST WILL BE MADE AT PAINESVILLE, OHIO

(Special to The Citizen Patriot.)

Sandusky, Ohio, June 10---Detectives Piper and Treece of Jackson left here early this morning aboard a Robinson Circus train for Painesville, Ohio, where the show plays today. At Sandusky police headquarters just before the departure, the Jackson officers intimated that their investigation last night at the Sandusky show grounds had been well worth while. They questioned show workers, the majority of whom were Negroes and went through personal effects of the men. Although no arrest was made here it is the opinion of local police that the Jackson detectives have fastened their suspicions on a Negro attached to the show and that an arrest is not improbable at Painesville today. Descriptions of several circus workers who have left the show since it played at Jackson have been secured by the detectives and further desertions will be closely watched.

MAY MAKE ARREST IN OHIO

Painesville, Ohio June 10 ---Detectives from Jackson, Mich., seeking clues to the slayer of Miss Alice Mallett, matron of the Crittenton Home, Jackson, intimated an arrest may be made here today. The officers have been following a circus, which played Jackson the night of the murder and which is here today.

EXPECT SUSPECT BACK TONIGHT

June 11, 1922 Sunday

NEGRO CIRCUS COOK IS HELD AT PAINESVILLE FOR LOCAL OFFICIALS

DETECTIVE TAKES AX ALONG IN AN EFFORT TO HAVE IT IDENTIFIED AS PROPERTY OF THE JOHN ROBINSON CIRCUS

Officers accompanied by a representative of The Citizens Patriot left Jackson for Painesville, Ohio at 9 o'clock Saturday night for the purpose of bringing back Clark Meadowlark, believed to

be the Negro slayer of Miss Alice Mallett brutally murdered, sometime Thursday night.

The officers were driven to Toledo by a State officer and took a midnight train for Painesville where they are scheduled to reach at 10 o'clock Sunday morning.. The ax was taken with them. Detective Treece one of the two officers who arrested Meadowlark, desiring to clear away the last vestige of doubt by having the implement identified as circus property.

The alleged slayer and the officers guarding him are expected to reach Jackson sometime Sunday night or Monday morning.

FUNERAL IS PRIVATE

Funeral services for Miss Alice Mallett victim of the brutal murder and assault, will be held at Gildersleeve's Chapel after the arrival of her brother from Ontario, Ore., sometime Monday. Flowers will be accepted but funeral will be private,

Although officers are certain they have the slayer under arrest at Painesville, every other clue is being thoroughly investigated and another suspect was arrested by Detective Collins late Saturday afternoon. He was taken to the fingerprint room at the jail and admitted he served six years in Jackson orison for a criminal assault on a 13-year-old girl. Although the story of his activities on the night of the murder is considered queer, it is not believed that he knows anything of the murder (**this suspect is George)

Because of the clothing which he was wearing at the time of his arrest officers believe he may be the man who discarded the suit and underwear found in some grass in the Drexel addition Friday night, his garments being similar to those found. He will be held until the officers are certain of his innocence.

NEGRO COOK ARRESTED

Clark Meadowlark, Negro cook with the John Robinson circus was arrested after a two day investigation by Police detective Juan Piper and State Detective Arthur Treece, who joined the circus at Sandusky, Ohio Friday.

After checking up on the various Negroes connected with the circus, the officers narrowed the field of suspects down to two men both of whom were arrested. Meadowlark was held after bloodstains were found on his clothing and a bloody handkerchief was taken from him.

Although discharged from the circus a few hours before the murder when he made the remark that he would have "either blood or money" the Negro evidently followed the circus to Painesville.

BLOOD ON CLOTHING

Freeman Hockett, alias "Blackie" Burns brought back from Kalamazoo Friday afternoon wearing

a shirt smeared with blood about the cuffs and having a bruise on his wrist was grilled at the jail shortly after his arrival. He maintained his innocence of the murder claiming he had received the bloodstains in a fight with a woman in Cincinnati.

Search for the unknown man who has attempted an assault on two girls during the past week will be continued it announced.

POLICE BAFFLED IN MALLETT MURDER CASE

June 12, 1922 Monday

POLICE CENTER ON AX AS KEY TO MYSTERY

Warren, Ohio---Solution of the Mallett murder mystery may hinge on the identification of the bloody ax with the gruesome crime was committed, which Detective Piper of the Jackson police department and Detective Treece of the Michigan Department of Public /safety brought here this morning from Painesville Ohio, The ax was turned over to the two officers by Detective Timmons of Jackson, who Sunday afternoon took Clark Meadowlark, Negro suspect in the case back to Jackson.

Under cross-examination, Meadowlark admitted ownership of the blood smeared suit of overalls found concealed under the mattress of a bunk in the Robinson Brothers circus train.

Three bloody handkerchiefs were in the pockets of the overalls and one pocket was moist with red fluid, as if a dripping knife had been in it for a time.

SEEK TO IDENTIFY AX

Alleged inaccuracies in Meadowlark's story and his inability to explain why the red stained garments had been hidden, resulted in the officers coming here to check up on the suspect and learn if the ax was taken from the circus while it was showing in Jackson.

With the weapon in their hands the detectives hope to find someone who can identify it as circus property.

One man whom the officers are keeping trace of two Negroes who have left the circus since it was in Jackson. One of them, a large man, disappeared shortly after the show left. He was traced to Toledo and is being watched. While there is little to connect him with the crime, except his sudden and unexplained disappearance, there is a possibility of developments this morning that

will result in his arrest,

Every Negro connected with the circus will be questioned. Those who can't give a satisfactory account of their actions on the night of the murder will be arrested and held for further investigation. More and more as the investigation continues and wild theories are abandoned, level headed officers are coming to realize that the blood-spattered ax is the key with which to unlock the mystery and bring the degenerate slayer to justice. Who dies it belong to? If it was not taken from the circus grounds, then it was undoubtedly stolen from some home in Jackson.

Detective's Piper and Treece expect to establish the fact before night if it was used by the circus people. Their investigation will go far toward clearing Meadowlark of else strengthen the evidence that appears to connect him with the crime.

ALL CLUES LEAD INTO BLIND ALLEYS; DAVIS HAS PROVEN AN ALIBI

WOMAN IDENTIFIES NEGRO AS PROWLER BUT LATER TELLS VERIFIED STORY TO POLICE OFFICIALS

With the developments of Sunday and Monday pointing toward the innocence of Clark Meadowlark Negro cook with the John Robinson circus, brought here as a suspect in the murder of Miss Mallett. Thursday night officers investigating the crime found themselves n nearer a solution Monday afternoon.

Suspicion was directed toward another Negro as the possible slayer of Miss Mallett, when Mrs. Lottie Baginsky, 325 Adams street, positively identified Herme E. Davis of Jackson Tenn., as the man who had called at her home on three different occasions on the night of the murder. Shortly after her identification Davis easily proved an alibi.

Meadowlark whose guilt of the crime appeared certain do to exaggerated stories, which were circulated Sunday, and the other Negroes were lined up with Davis. Davis' complexion is almost white, while that of Meadowlark is black and should the woman be correct on her belief she saw the man who killed Miss Mallett and his complexion was light. Meadowlark could not have committed the crime.

FIND BODY MARK IN GRASS

Before the identification of Davis, State Detective Collins went to the Baginsky home and looked into a vacant lot where Mrs. Baginski states the Negro remained until about 10 o'clock. She states he had something under his coat, which resembled as ax handle. Detective Collins

found the mark of a mans body but nothing else.

Davis was questioned after his identification at the jail but told a straightforward story, stating that he had reached Jackson about midnight Friday and was picked up by the officers while in the railroad yard.

ALIBI IS VERIFIED

Davis two white companions were questioned later and verified the Negro's story down to the smallest detail stating that they had all left Michigan City Friday morning and after stopping at Niles came to Jackson arriving here about midnight.

Freeman Hockett, alias "Blackie": Burns, Negro arrested at Kalamazoo with blood on his shirt cuffs is still being held although nothing further has been discovered that would tend to connect him with the case.

With many of the officers certain of the innocence of Clark Meadowlark, this angle of the case is not being overlooked.

The bloody knife mark in the pocket of Meadowlark's trousers turns our to be from a piece of soap that the Negro carried Chemist Peter Keyzer announced Monday morning.

PRISON INMATE INVESTIGATED

Another suspect whose activities on the day of the murder was being closely scrutinized by the officers is John Straub a former inmate of Jackson prison who served six years for a statutory offense. Straub has told several tales which do not hang together.

Angelo Glalanelly, a small boy, who claims to have been an eyewitness of the murder of Miss Alice Mallett. Thursday night was interviewed by officers of the sheriff's department and taken to the show grounds to point out the place where he alleged he saw a Negro running toward Miss Mallett, ax in hand.

The investigation revealed that there was no foundation of fact for the boy's story.

OHIO CLUE FIZZLES OUT

Following an all night investigation officers today admitted _____ but little progress had been made toward the solution of the murder of Miss Alice Mallett, matron of the Florence Crittenton Home.

MURDER SUSPECT FORMERLY LIVED

IN CITY

June 13, 1922 Tuesday

SUSPECT HELD IN OHIO FORMERLY LIVED HERE; WORKED IN RESTAURANT

The suspect held at Warren, Ohio formerly resided in Jackson and at one time, about two years ago was in the employ of the American Grill, a South Mechanic St. restaurant. Ernest L. Cote, proprietor of the restaurant, stated Tuesday morning that he recalled the man and that he was known here under the name of Charlie Jackson.

Mr. Cote stated that "the man's hair was originally of a reddish color, but that he had bleached it until it was nearly white." Jackson was a very well behaved man while in this city according to employees of the restaurant who recall his residence here.

JOINED CIRCUS LATER

Shortly after leaving Jackson he joined the Hagenbach-Wallace circus and when that show came to this city last June, Jackson was with the aggregation. Mr. Cote states "he recognized Jackson who was riding an elephant in the parade when it passed on Cortland street, that later Jackson called at the restaurant."

Mr. Cote states, "I met Jackson while the latter was here with the John Robinson circus last week and took Jackson to the show grounds;" that Jackson informed him, "he was employed as a clown with the show." He also asserted that, "Jackson told him he would bring a number of circus people to the restaurant for supper following the evening performance." Mr., Cote stated, "I did not work that evening but that I was told the next morning by the night man in charge of the restaurant that Jackson called at the restaurant in the evening. "

INSURANCE AGENT, TOO

It was also stated that Jackson while residing in this city was at one time employed as an insurance agent and it was said that he kept company with a woman who owned a home on the east side of the city.

Mr. Cote stated "that from his observance of the man he did not believe he was the type of person who would commit a crime such as the Mallett Murder."

MAN HELD AT WARREN MAINTAINS

INNOCENCE UNDER LONG GRILLING

JACKSON OFFICERS GO TO IDENTIFY WOMAN'S EFFECTS FOUND ON CIRCUS EMPLOYEE'S PERSON

Warren, Ohio- Under a grilling examination that lasted nearly all night and was resumed this morning, Joseph Evens AKA: Charlie Jackson, held here in connection with the murder of Alice Mallett at Jackson, remained firm in his denial of any knowledge of the crime, The suspect was subjected to a hurtling barrage of questions and accusations by half a dozen officers some from Warren and others from Jackson,

Evens declared that he was born in Algonac, Mich., and had served in the Canadian forces in the World War. A discharged from the Canadian service believed to be bogus was found on his person. He is 5 feet, 11 inches in height, weighs 133 pounds and is of light complexion. Evens admitted that he used peroxide to dye his hair white.

MAY BE INSANE

Officers are convinced that the man is fighting to cover up his past or else he is partly insane. In checking up on answers he made last night to more than 2,000 questions, numerous inaccuracies were found, He gave five different places as his home town.

Unless some of the articles found in his possession, including two silk handkerchiefs, a woman's manicure set and two pairs of nose glasses, are identified by Jackson officers who are on the way here, it is doubtful if he will be taken back for further investigations in connection with the murder.

CIRCUS DENIES AX

Developments in the Mallett case in this city yesterday included the denial of attempts of the John Robinson circus that _____ owned an ax similar to the one used by the woman's murderer and the finding of splotches of blood on effects taken from Evens.

Officers, after grilling the suspect, said they believed Evens to be a moral degenerate but were unwilling to give any definite answer on whether they believe him guilty of the Jackson atrocity. Evan's is said to have a _____ for disgusting himself the police declared and several articles for this purpose were found in his suitcase. Evens claimed that these were used in his work as a circus performer.

BLOODSTAINS ON CASE

Bloodstains found on a woman's case, found among Evan's effects were considered important by

Jackson officers. The vanity case, together with two handkerchiefs and two pairs of nose glasses are being held here for possible identification by Jackson officers as the property of Miss Mallett. Detective Treece said last night he believed some of the property was taken from the body of the dead woman.

Explaining their statements about the murder ax, circus officials late Monday declared that all axes owned by the Robinson organization were practically new as the old ones had been sold as junk last Fall. No axes of the old-fashioned square-headed type were ever owned by the circus they said. This is the type of ax used by the Mallett slayer, the only part of the implement that is new being the helves.

Special morning edition

*******June 14, 1922**

Wednesday*****

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SLAIN WOMAN'S BROTHER IS HERE

**HAROLD MALLETT ASKS THAT THE
FIEND BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE**

RETURNS WEDNESDAY

(shows picture of Harold Mallett)

"I want to see the man brought to justice," was the remark of Harold Mallett, brother of the ax victim, as he stepped off the Michigan Central train last night at 6:12 o'clock, after a 63 hour journey from the Mallett family home in Ontario, Oregon, Other than this, he said he had nothing to say for publication. From the station he was driven to the Gildersleeve undertaking establishment on South Jackson street, where he viewed his sister's body.

He kept his poise, but plainly showed the effects of the strain he has labored under since hearing

of the Lansing avenue atrocity.

Tuesday, he was interviewed by state and county officials at the home of Dr. Grace Hendricks, 321 West Cortland street, where he is staying while in Jackson. Later in the day he will visit the Florence Crittenton Home to arrange for the shipment of Miss Mallett's personal effects West.

Mr. Mallett (Mr. Mallett is a Rancher) will probably return to his western home some time Wednesday morning. The dead woman's body will be shipped on the same train that he takes.

He left Ontario, Saturday at 1:38 p.m., via the Northern Pacific and arrived in Chicago, Monday at 11 a.m. Taking the Michigan Central out of there at 12:30 p.m. he reached Jackson less than six hours afterwards.

The Presbyterian burial service was read by Rev. Shannon A. Griffith of the First Presbyterian Church at the Gildersleeve funeral chapel. The reading of the scripture, prayer and remarks required not more than 20 minutes.

The number of persons present were not more than 20 in all. Beautiful floral tributes from friends and also from persons who did not know her fill the chapel.

June 14, 1922 Wednesday

AFTERNOON SPECIAL EDITION

Special Edition Front Page Headline

ALLEGED SLAYER UNFOLDS DETAILS OF AWFUL CRIME

THE DETAILS OF STRAUB'S FIRST CONFESSION, GIVEN BELOW, ARE BASED ON STATEMENTS MADE TO JACKSON OFFICIALS BEFORE HE WAS WHISKED AWAY FROM THE JAIL HERE TUESDAY NIGHT

(shows picture of "The scene of the crime" and pictures of accused slayer, George Straub and the victim, Alice Mallett)

WAS SEEN NEAR CRIME SPOT

That Straub is a degenerate of the lowest type has been quite conclusively proven by investigations of the officers during the time since his arrest. His description tallies almost exactly with that of a man who has accosted Jackson women during the past few weeks. Numerous women who have called at the jail, state that the man who approached them on the streets had a swelling on his forehead.

The assailant of Miss Mallett was seen on Lansing avenue shortly before the commission of the crime. Straub is said to have been identified as the man who was seen by the Lansing avenue people.

MURDERER IS 49 YEARS OLD

Straub is 49 years old and has resided in and near Jackson since his release from Jackson prison in October, 1907. He is of medium height, somewhat stoop shouldered and his appearance would give the impression of a man past middle age. There is a large bunch on his forehead, probably a wen. His face is most revolting, the chin being short and the lips protruding.

This is not the first offense of the accused, as he served six years in Jackson prison for attempted assault upon a 13-year-old girl, and was sentenced from Hersey, Osceola county, Dec. 15, 1902. Straub was also arrested in September, 1917, in Jackson on a disorderly charge.

George Straub, an ex-convict, confessed Monday night that he murdered and assaulted Miss Mallett, matron of the Crittenton Home last Thursday night. Straub's confession was held up by the officers for 24 hours to permit a checking up of his statement. The confession was released shortly before 10 o'clock Tuesday night.

Straub told in gruesome detail of his attack on Miss Mallett, giving as his motive nothing more than his beastly inclination to assault her. He related her struggle to escape from his clutches and of his cold-blooded wielding of the death ax and other revolting phases of that has gone down as one of the most revolting outrages in Michigan criminal history.

The arrest of Straub was made by State Policeman Harry Collins and Deputy Blake Saturday night, and an investigation relative to his movements on the night of the murder was started. Piece by piece the evidence was gathered by these officers, assisted by Undersheriff Vern Kutt and State Policemen Van Loomis and Harold Mulbar, and early Monday morning, Straub was taken to the scene of the murder, the trip to the Brockie home being at about 3:30 o'clock. Straub protested his innocence as he was led over the scene of the crime, Flashlights were used in illuminating the ground and he was shown the place where Miss Mallett had been felled by the blow from the ax and had been dragged by the slayer. The blood-covered grass where the woman's body was found was also shown to him and he was accused of the crime. He continued his denials.

STRAUB CONFRONTED WITH VICTIM

Prior to being taken to the scene of the murder Straub was accompanied to the Gildersleeve morgue where the body of the slain woman lay in a room on the second floor. The time was about 3:30 in the morning and there were but few persons on the street. A dozen officers accompanied the suspect who was led by Van Loomis, a member of the State Department of Public Safety.

Brought into the dimly lighted room where the body lay he was taken to the side of the bier. Straub cringed as he looked upon the murdered form. Accused of the murder, Straub cried, "I DID NOT KILL THAT LADY!" In answer to further accusations Straub declared, "I DON'T KNOW THE LADY!"

"TOUCH THE DEAD LADY'S HAND!" Commanded Van Loomis. "NO! NO! I DON'T WANT TO TOUCH HER," he cried. "TOUCH HER HAND!" again commanded the officer as he seized the suspect's arm and gradually forced it toward the outstretched hand of the corpse.

Straub staring wildly at the face of the murdered woman endeavored to pull back, but he was slowly drawn forward until his fingers lay upon the cold body. The suspect's lips parted and he uttered a groan of horror. The questioning completed he was removed to the waiting automobile.

MAKES COMPLETE CONFESSION

Straub was rushed to the county jail and returned to his cell. He was questioned by Prosecuting Attorney M. Grove Hatch, Pieter Keyzer, chemist, Deputy Sheriff Julian and Deputy Sheriff Russell Blake.

Not long after the questioning started Straub began making admissions and soon a complete confession was forthcoming. Straub stated that he left his home on the Seymour avenue road, northeast of the city on the night of the murder and went to the home of a man named Fowler near the extreme end of Cooper street; that he owed \$6 to the Fowlers for board and he paid them this amount. Then an altercation followed with another man relative to a small sum which he owed him and he gave the man 60 cents, all the money he had. Enraged at this man he left, informing him he intended to swear out a warrant against him.

STEAL AX AT HOUSE

Straub stated that he continued on Cooper street and then cut across toward Lansing avenue. He was unable to give the officers a detailed account of the streets he traversed, but told them he stopped at a house near Lansing avenue where he obtained an ax which he found near a woodpile. He stated that he contemplated an assault on a woman when he obtained the ax.

Going to Lansing avenue he secreted himself in the shadows of the Brockie home and awaited the coming of his victim. He saw Miss Mallett approaching. No one was near. He stealthily crept upon her and spoke. She started to run up the bank and he pursued her, striking her across the

head with the blade of the ax. She screamed and fought, Straub endeavored to force a handkerchief in her mouth and then he struck her again with the blunt side of the ax. This blow crushing in her skull.

NEARLY SEVERS VICTIM'S HEAD

Continuing his admissions Straub asserted he dragged her across the garden spot to the north of the Brockie home and laid the dead body beneath a tree to the north of the house. Then he tore the clothing from her body and the assault followed. Believing that the woman might not be dead he seized the ax and struck the woman again, this time across the throat, nearly severing the head. He stated that most of the blood came from the wound in the throat, the blood spurting upon the grass and nearby plants.

Straub said that following the murder he left by way of Lansing avenue and walked to his home, Straub denied that he tore open the handbag carried by Miss Mallett and it is believed this may have been ripped open in the struggle. He was also unable to recall whether he had gone back to the sidewalk and carried Miss Mallett's parasol, hat and bouquet to the place where they lay in a near pile near the body.

To questions by some of the officers Straub declined to make reply and then when the same question was put by another officer, he answered and leered at those who had first quizzed him on the subject with an expression which seemed to say "You couldn't make me Tell."

RE-ENACTS CRIME AT SCENE

Following the confession Straub was taken to the scene of the crime and re-enacted the murder in detail,

He also accompanied the officers to the house where he said he obtained the ax. He went to the woodpile and showed them where the ax had been found.

While the complete details of the confession were in the hands of reporters Tuesday morning, it was requested by the officers that nothing be said until a further check had been made in the case to make certain that Straub was the guilty person. This investigation was completed Tuesday evening and permission to release the story given.

It was found that Straub had not slept in bed the night of the murder and that he appeared tired out the next day and dropped off to sleep at the dinner table. The murderer told the officers that he had fallen asleep because of working so hard Thursday on the road, he being employed on a gang which is building the road out Seymour avenue.

FIND CLOTHES IN DREXEL ADDITION

On the night following the murder a man's coat, underwear and a blue shirt were found in some brush in the Drexel addition, wet from the heavy rain which had fallen during the late afternoon

and evening.

Examination of the clothes found disclosed that the shirt was of the same make and size as the shirt Straub was wearing at the time of his arrest. Straub wore his shirt sleeves rolled up to the elbows and the shirt found in the brush was also worn the same way.

OWNERSHIP OF AX PROVEN

While the officers believe they have proven quite conclusively the ownership of the ax with which the murder was committed, it is expected this will definitely established when the ax is brought back to Jackson by detectives who took the death weapons to Ohio for the purpose of identification by a circus which showed in Jackson during the past week.

The confession of Straub brings to a close a search which has kept the officers at high tension since last Friday morning when the nude and terribly mutilated body of Miss Mallett was found on the lawn of the Lansing avenue home, Sheriff's officers, officers from the department of public safety and the police have worked night and day running down clues only to find their investigations were without result,

Although a man of apparently very low mentality Straub exercised a peculiar cunning throughout the examination by the officers Monday night and many of the questions were answered only after he had deliberated and weighed the results of such answer In the trip over the route which he took in reaching the scene of the murder he talked readily with the officers pointed out homes of families he knew and seemed to have an intimate knowledge of that part of the city.

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JUNE 14, 1922 WEDNESDAY

READ ALL ABOUT IT!!!!

**VICTIM'S BROTHER LEADS THRONG
IN RUSH FOR SLAYER**

WHEN CROWD MENACED JAIL THAT HELD THE

MALLETT MURDERER

(SHOWS PICTURE OF LARGE LYNCH MOB RUSHING JAIL)

THE CROWD

Bent on meting out justice to George Straub with their own hands, several hundred persons congregated about the jail Tuesday night upon receipt of the report that he had made a confession, but lack organization and a leader doubtless prevented serious trouble. Conspicuous among these was HAROLD MALLET, brother of slain woman, who had come to Jackson from his home in Ontario, Oregon, to accompany the body home. Mallett became the center of a group of those who showed a desire to do violence and calling their attention to the fact that he had journeyed all the way from Oregon, offered to join with them in "GETTING" Straub.

About 10:15 the prisoner, dressed in a cap and uniform coat of a city fireman, was taken out the rear door of the Jail, placed in Coroner Mills automobile and rushed away accompanied by several officers. The crowd knew nothing of the departure. But a short time later, in an effort to get him into their hands, a portion of the men, led by two women, one of whom is said to have been forcibly turned back several previous attempts to enter the jail, moved forward with a rush and entering the building wandered through the open sections undisturbed. The doors being locked they were prevented from entering the cell block.

TEAR BOMBS HALT CROWD

Soon after it became apparent that trouble might develop from the crowd which was gathering rapidly at the jail, a large supply of tear gas bombs was rushed to Jackson from the headquarters of the State Police in Lansing. The gas was released by officers stationed on the roof of the jail and the blinding effect of bombs was felt by those who went within 30-40 feet of the jail building. The gas was worse nearer the building and many, who entered unmasked, returned to the fresh air with handkerchiefs tied over their faces. The prisoner was removed shortly after the first bombs were released it was learned and this failure to "GET" their man, together with the discomfiture attending the tear bombs, served to further incite the crowd.

Those who appeared to be considering real violence seemed to be in the minority, the major portion of the gathering remaining on the sidewalk and in the street out of curiosity talking among themselves with no apparent intent to go further. The crowd was massed close up to the building for the most part, not apart and in position to rush the jail. The people shifted their positions continuously, kjeeping the entire gathering in motion most of the time, none was present who choose to lead an attack.

Policemen circulated through the crowd all the time, a further step toward offsetting greater trouble. M Grove Hatch, possecuting attorney, watched the movement of the gathering from the front steps of the jail. Fire Cheig King remained at the jail ready to order out his firemen to disperse the crowd had it become a mob, but no reason was offered by the prople for action on

the firemen's part.

THROUGH GASPS FROM GAS

Several attempts were made by the crowd, after they had broken through the officers, to gain entrance to the jail office and finally a few of them accomplished the feat, their faces distorted, their breath coming in gasps from the tear gas.

Apparently, all the prisoners had been removed earlier in the evening to other quarters, and the vengeance of the mob for the time was vented in an inspection tour of the jail, testing the strength of the bars, the concrete walls and other furnishings of the modern county jail.

State Police Officer Mulbar at 11 o'clock sent a hasty wire to the State Department of Public Safety at Lansing, asking for all men and all tear gas that the department could send them. The men arrived about 1 o'clock.

Tear gas inside the jail was terrific. One sergeant of the police had the misfortune to break a tear gas in his pocket and he lay gasping on a cot in an adjoining room, until some relief could be brought to him.

Early in the evening, Rev E.M.Parrott, pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal church, made an effort to calm the mob, but he was laughed and jeered at so that he had to abandon the attempt.

A large crowd gathered in front of the jail, first arrivals appearing at about 9:15. The news that Straub had confessed to the dastardly crime was made known by officers after they had run down the last clue and believed they had cinched the case against him.

The crowd quickly increased in size and the police were called in to keep them back. The men who had crowded up to the jail steps were forced back by officers. Although there were many cries of "GET A ROPE!" and several were heard discussing the possibility of taking Straub out of jail and hanging him, the crowd appeared good natured.

CROWD'S MOOD GROWS UGLY

But as the minutes passed, the mood of the crowd began to change. Half good naturedly they pressed back the police who again forced them out of the jail alley. Then the behavior of the crowd became more menacing.

They pressed forward and moved backward when pushed by the officers. They answered orders to move with catcalls and members of the state police appeared with bombs containing tear gas which they threatened to break among the masses. Although the crowd continued to send forth catcalls they kept at a respectable distance.

Left in full possession of the field, but mildly threatened the officers stood grouped around the

jail, watching the crowd which continued to increase in size until the whole first block, street and sidewalk across the street on North Jackson street, was crowded and people stood back on Main Street.

MEN MAKE RUSH ON JAIL

The mood of the crowd had become threatening by 10 o'clock and 10:25 fifty men made a determined rush on the jail, but were driven back by police, state police and sheriff's officers. Captain Jack Fagan and a force of 11 state police bearing the brunt of the fighting.

After the repulse of the first attack, however, another crowd began gathering near the High School. At various times the jail was threatened with attack from front and rear.

A throng was still lingering about the jail at an early hour this morning, but all signs of trouble had subsided.

JAIL INSPECTION

After the committee of investigation, led by Mrs. Helen Ryan had emerged from the jail, Sailor Lewis, former Jackson pugilist announced from the jail steps that the man was not inside.

"We have looked everywhere in the jail and he's not there." yelled Lewis at the crowd. This quieted the mob for a few minutes.

STATE TROOPER RUSHED

A few minutes later, however, Sergeant Bolan, of the state police, was surrounded by a crowd and an attempt made to rush him. The sergeant, was forced to draw his gun, and succeeded in backing his way to the jail yard veranda, where he was bitterly assailed by the mob, who evidently found some satisfaction in handing the state officer a few uncomplimentary remarks to which he apparently paid no attention.

Soon afterward Harold Mallett, brother of the slain woman, emerged from the jail, and also addressed the crowd.

MALLETT ADDRESSES CROWD

"As this dead woman's brother I can say that this man is not in this jail." he declared, His words were loudly cheered, and cries of "Where is he?" , "Where did they take him?" were heard from a hundred throats. Efforts to answer the queries were drowned in the noise.

Mrs. Ryan, who appeared to be one of the dominating spirits of the mob, added her voice to that of Mallett's and harangued the crowd, asking them to wait until the murderer was arraigned on

the charge and then he could be taken

"If you men here don't get him, then it will be up to us women." Mrs. Ryan told the crowd. She was loudly cheered, At this juncture the crowd began to break up.

ORGANIZE AUTO PARTIES

Unfortunately, the Marmon car which was used to take Straub from the jail returned from its trip at a few minutes after midnight. This brought some agitation from the crowd, which apparently sought to take vengeance on the driver of the car. However, they failed in their purpose for the driver gave the high-powered car a charge of gas and it shot southward on Jackson street at a wild rate. Its taillights disappearing in the distance. A couple of cars went in pursuit.

At this juncture several auto parties were organized to go to Mason and other surrounding county seats, where it was believed Straub had been taken.

Again another wild-eyed individual harangued the crowd stating that the Marmon was brought back through the streets just as a bluff, and that Straub was in the jail. With a rush another wave of men and women swept toward the jail entrance and entered the cell block on the lower floor to again seek the object of search

STRAUB STORY WAS OBTAINED BY P. KEYZER

SLAYER IS IDENTIFIED

MUCH OF CREDIT FOR GETTING CONFESSION GOES TO THE CITY'S CHEMIST

To Pieter Keyzer belongs much of the credit for obtaining the confession from Straub. Prosecuting Attorney, M. George Hatch expressed admiration for the manner in which Mr. Keyzer conducted the questioning of the accused "I misjudged the man, when I began questioning him" said Mr. Hatch.

"I endeavored to make it easy for him in leading him up to the point where he committed the assault. I thought if he had any finer sensibilities, he would not like to come out flatfooted and

tell just what happened and that is where I was mistaken. He seems to be afraid of Keyzer, and Keyzer was able to obtain answers when the rest of us were unable to do. When he answered Keyzer, he looked at us in a manner which seemed to say, ." Stated Mr. Hatch.

There was nothing particularly remarkable in the arrest of Straub. He was one of more than a score of suspects who were taken in a cleanup of the city which followed shortly after the murder. Straub was arrested last Saturday. In the meantime other suspects were picked up, The arrest of Meadowlark in Ohio at that time overshadowed everything else and the opinion was quite general that he was the guilty person.

Straub was a former inmate of Jackson prison and the history of the rime of which he was convicted was known to the officers. The officers also were in possession of a list of other former convicts who had served sentence for statutory offenses and all of these were to be gathered in and questioned. While there were incidents which would tend to direct suspicion toward Straub the evidence against him was stronger than that against at least four others suspects who had been picked up. It was not until Straub confessed that the officers knew that they were on the right track and even then they desired to conduct a further check to corroborate his story,

Tuesday evening shortly before the story of the confession was made public, Straub in company with several officers, some of whom were poorly dressed, was taken to Lansing avenue. The officers and the accused walked along the street and a man and a woman, who had seen a man who was believed to have committed the murder were asked to ascertain if the man they had seen on the night of the crime was in delegation, They immediately, without hesitation, picked out Straub.

DECLARE STRAUB BROKE INTO MANY HOMES HERE IN SEARCH OF VICTIMS

George Straub has broken into more than one home in Jackson in an effort to satisfy his lustful desires was brought to light soon after The Citizens Patriot extra, giving the details of his confession and showing a picture of the slayer was being sold in the residence sections of the city.

Mrs. Ada Smith, superintendent of the Crittenton Home, purchased one of The Citizens Patriot extras, and as soon as the picture of the murderer was seen by some of the girl residents of the home two of them exclaimed, "They knew Straub."

One of them exclaimed excitedly: "Why, that's George Straub. I know him. He broke into my parents home some time ago and my father nearly shot him."

The other said: "I have seen that man. He forced his way into our home and my father threw him out."

ASKS MORE PROTECTION

"I believe the Florence Crittenton Home is entitled to more protection than it has had in the past."

Said Mrs. Ada Smith, superintendent of the institution, Wednesday morning.

"I was followed by a man last spring after I got off the street car at the end of the line. And I speak from experience when I say it is a lonesome and fearsome walk from the car terminus to the home."

"Electric lights are few" she continued. "And with the limbs of the trees along the street hanging so low the lights do little good. Proper protection should be provided and I hope it will be done soon."

POLICE ON THE JOB

"I wish to say there will be no mob law in Jackson so long as the police force are on the job, and they were on the job Tuesday night at the jail." Said City Manager Crary this morning.

"I also want to say that the manner in which the police conducted themselves, their good humor under ???revocation, and the good judgment they displayed made me proud of them." Mr. Crary added, "I am certain the law-abiding people of this city are justified in having full confidence in the ability of the police to handle any situation that may arise."

George Straub confessed slayer of Miss Mallett is well known in police circles in Jackson, according to the report of officers and former officers Wednesday, following the publication of the man's confession added to the details of his degenerate life. He was constantly the cause of trouble and _____ and again proved the end _____ quest for a reported disorderly who after each offense, succeeded in hiding himself for a time. He was known as "Liver Li??."

Douglas Abbot, keeper at the Michigan State Prison and former police officer and constable recounted Wednesday to details leading up to the arrest and subsequent confinement of Straub in the Detroit House of Correction in March, 1913. At that time Abbott was a patrolman and, having received numerous reports of some man's having annoyed women in the vicinity of Blackstone and North street traced the trouble to Straub who lived then with his aged mother on the east side of Blackstone just north of North street. The man's most recent offense at the time has been attempted attack on a woman, He was frightened away shortly after having accosted her and her report brought about the search which later earned for the degenerate a 60 day term at Detroit this sentence having been given on March 9, 1913 by Police Judge Dahlem.

Prior to ___ being sentenced that time, Abbott talked with Straub's mother and she told of her son's character and was at loss to know how to deal properly with him, finally agreeing with officers that he would well be placed in confinement.

ANOTHER SUSPECT BROUGHT TO CITY

CHARLES JACKSON, TAKEN FROM CIRCUS, ARRIVES AFTER STRAUB'S CONFESSION

State Officer Treece and Police Detective Juan Piper, who followed the John Robinson circus to Sandusky, Painesville and Warren, Ohio, following the crime of last Thursday night in Jackson, returned about 10:30 Wednesday with Charles Jackson, suspect taken into custody at Warren Sunday night and the later was locked up at the police station.

Jackson, who is 41 years old and a native of Jacksonville, Fla., appears to be a man of about 30 years. He recounted Wednesday morning the details of his connection with the circus and also of the trouble which brought his arrest at Warren. Jackson stated that he had joined the show at Detroit on Sunday exactly two weeks prior to his arrest and named the several cities in which stops had been made before and after coming to Jackson. He was employed as a ticket seller and while the circus was waiting in Warren Sunday for the performance of Monday, went to a park where he spent some time with several of his acquaintances from the circus. Following Jackson's having been found in the women's toilet at the park, which he admitted Wednesday morning, he was twice threatened by a crowd of men there, the second time after he had entered a bus to return to the city, He was dragged from the machine and escaped violence at their hands by the arrival of police officers who following the investigation, turned him over to Treece and Piper. He was then brought back to Jackson, having left Warren, prior to the disclosure of Straub's confession here.

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STRAUB IMPLICATES

NEGRO

NAMES MEADOWLARK IN NEW CONFESSION AT LANSING

2ND CONFESSION GIVEN BY STRAUB RECALLS THE 1ST CONFESSION

June 14

ALLEGES COLORED MAN DEALT DEATH BLOW TO MATRON

BULLETIN.

(By Associated Press.)

Lansing---A second confession, in which George Straub, alleged confessed slayer of Alice Mallett, Jackson welfare worker denied his own implication and charged a Negro with the woman's murder was obtained from the former Jackson prison inmate by local police today, it was learned from authoritative sources. Although police refused to corroborate either the report that Straub is here, or that he had confessed, it is said that Straub made a second confession and that the Negro he named was Meadowlark, a circus employee.

According to Straub's second confession, he met the Negro who was armed with an ax, on a Lansing Avenue corner the night of the murder. The Negro, he said, invited him to go with him. Straub asserted that when the Negro was Miss Mallett he attacked her, struck her with the ax, tore her clothing from her body and assaulted her.

POLICE DOUBT NEW CONFESSION

He said he (Straub) had no part in the actual murder of the woman. Local police and state police, it is understood are inclined to doubt Straub's latest story. Marks found on the dead woman's body, according to state police were made by a man with a crippled right hand. Straub has such a hand.

Straub was brought here from Jackson Tuesday night after a threatening mob had gathered in front of the county jail at Jackson where he was confined.

Following Straub's new confession this morning Meadowlark was brought here from the Jackson jail and later officers took both the white and colored man in an automobile to another city. The police refused to tell where they intended to hide the two men.

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POLICE DOUBT GUILT OF STRAUB WHEN HE TELLS MORE STORIES

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Shoes That Fit Footprints Only Real

Evidence---Crowd Seeks Slayer In Ingham Jails

(By Associated Press)

Lansing, Mich., June 15---State police and local officers maintained a constant vigil today to guard against the possibility of mob violence against George Straub, alleged confessed slayer of Alice Mallett. Their fears for the safety of the prisoner, who is lodged in the Lansing city jail, were heightened by the visit of 50 men and youths from Jackson, led by Harold Mallett, brother of the slain woman, early this morning.

The Jackson delegation drove into Lansing at midnight, following information to the state police that a mob was on the way to "GET" Straub. The visitors were met at the outskirts of the city by Col. Roy C. Vandercook, state commissioner of public safety. He cautioned them against violence and they proceeded to the city jail where chief of Police Alfred Seymour warned them that the nearby guard of police and state police surrounding the jail had been ordered to shoot to kill. After a parley between the leaders of the miniature mob, Colonel Vandercook and Chief Seymour several of them were permitted to view, through a glass door the alleged murderer.

According to reports reaching here today from Mason, another group of Jackson men visited the Ingham county jail there last night and demanded Straub. They left after some parley with the sheriff.

When Straub was summoned to appear so that Mallett and his companions could look at him the man displayed no emotion whatever. He glanced only once at the brother of the woman he is alleged to have slain and then turned his attention elsewhere. The delegation did not pause long and shortly after they entered the jail they departed but throughout the night there were rumors that a larger mob was waiting south of the city for a propitious moment to storm the jail. There was no display of arms by the visitors. The guard around the jail composed of about 15 state police and as many local police was armed with teargas, revolvers and riot guns. The delegation was made up in the majority of youths.

REVEL STRAUB'S WHEREABOUTS

The veil of secrecy which has surrounded the movements of Straub since he was spirited away from Jackson Tuesday night in the face of a threatened mob, was officially drawn aside for the first time late Wednesday night, when newspaper men were permitted to view Straub, but not to interview him, as proof of his presence in the Lansing jail.

Today local state and Jackson county officers resumed here their task of attempting to piece together the conflicting stories told by Straub regarding the crime in his two reported confessions. Straub appeared, except on occasions, to have withdrawn behind a screen of sullenest and morosely. He apparently took little interest in the case. The strongest sentiment expressed by him following his reported confessions was one of amusement that he had been able to elude the mob at Jackson. As the former Jackson prison inmate answered questions ___ stood drooping and unemotional. With the exception of an occasional motion to brush a sleeve across huge, protruding lips or to twitch the crippled right hand, which led to his arrest on the theory that marks made on the murdered woman had been made by a man with an injured hand, his pose showed neither animation nor expression.

WHERE IS ALLEGED ACCOMPLICE?

The two confessions Straub is said to have made involved him, once as the murderer and once as the companion of a Negro whom he charged with the brutal killing. It is rumored that the Negro mentioned by him is detained here also, but no one has seen him and there is no verification from officers.

It is probable, according to Col. Vandercook, and M. Grove Hatch, prosecuting attorney of Jackson County who is here on the case, that Straub will be held here until the danger of mob attack in Jackson has subsided. It is also the desire of the officers in charge of the case to investigate Straub's charges implicating a Negro in the crime before he is arraigned. He will be arraigned in Jackson.

Doubt that George Straub ever will be made to suffer a penalty for the murder of Alice Mallett is beginning to be felt by local authorities who have been in close touch with the case from the beginning. Straub has told so many stories since his arrest that it is feared he is losing his mind and details of the crime as related by him can not be checked ___ by the officers in a manner conclusive enough to make a conviction sure beyond peradventure.

The only important detail in addition to Straub's alleged confession, thus far, is the fact that his shoes fit the footprints found in the soft earth at the scene of the crime near the Brockie home on Lansing avenue. It has been declared in official quarters that this in itself is not enough to make a case against the accused man.

STRAUB'S MIND TYPICAL?

On the other hand, the testimony of criminologists is to the effect that persons of Straub's mental type always act and speak as he has acted and spoken since his alleged confession. Experts declare that such persons always attempt the "hedge" and minimize their first statements after they have made them. It is probable that Straub will be placed under observation by one or more experts in the analysis of criminal types and much will depend on their conclusions, it is said.

Jackson officers also declared Thursday that they entertained considerable doubt as to the guilt of Clarence Meadowlark, the Negro named by Straub as his accomplice. Their investigations it is said fail to bear out Straub's allegations that the colored man was connected with the crime.

WILL ARRAIGN MAN HERE

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney. Arthur M. Wiggins said Thursday that should Straub stand trial he probably would be arraigned in Police Court here and held for trial in Circuit Court unless his counsel should obtain a change of venue to another county.

Harold Mallett, brother of the slain woman returned to Jackson Thursday morning after going to Lansing Wednesday night and visiting the jail where Straub is being held. Beyond declaring that he intended to do nothing to hamper the efforts of the officers in the case, Mr. Mallett refused to make any statement. He expressed high praise for the work done thus far by the authorities in running down his sister's murderer.

Continued threats of mob violence are hampering the officers in their work, according to Coroner Harry Mills, who stated that those who could be aiding in the investigation, were forced to turn their attention to guarding Straub, Coroner Mills expressed the opinion that the murderer had an accomplice in the killing of Miss Mallett.

STRAUB WAS SHUNNED AND FEARED IN OSCEOLA TOWN WHERE HIS

FAMILY LIVED

Confessed Slayer of Miss Mallett Was Considered a Brute by Hersey Folk---Described as "BLACK SHEEP" Of Family

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"Black sheep"

Older residents of Hersey, Osceola county, well remember the Straub family at the time of the assault committed by George Straub on a 13-year-old girl in that village. There were three sons and one daughter in the Straub family. George was regarded by the villagers as a man to be feared and shunned. Following his sentence to Jackson prison, the family unable to face the disgrace, moved to Ewart.

A Jackson woman, who lived in Hersey at the time of Straub's crime said, "Mothers warned their daughters against him, I would as soon have met a wild animal as George Straub if I had been unprotected."

Straub never married but consorted with numerous women of the lowest type. He had no trade but was a common laborer with but little education, He was not believed to be insane it was stated but simply brutish, While other members of the family were affiliated with the church and Sunday school, George Straub attended neither.

MOTHER IS DEAD

Following the death of the father of the family, Claud Straub, brother of George came to Jackson to live, bringing his mother with him. They lived on Cooper Street and following the release of George from Jackson prison he also resided with them, The mother is said to have died a few years ago. George _____ no affection for his mother and it is stated did not attend the funeral.

Frank Straub, a brother of the confessed slayer of Miss Mallett is now a resident of Grand Rapids. He formally resided in Jackson and married a Jackson girl. It is stated that Frank Straub and his wife separated because Frank permitted his brother, George to make his home with them. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Straub and they are living with the father. The mother is now a resident of Detroit.

STRAUB WAS "BLACK SHEEP"

Straub's mother it is stated was well educated and a likable sort of woman. The family was very poor and although a person was received the elder Straub having been a veteran of the Civil War,

the money was not sufficient for the family support.

George Straub was looked upon as the "Black Sheep" of the family and when following his release from Jackson prison, he returned to Evart, no one associated with him. _____ he returned to make his home in Jackson.

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STRAUB MAKES THIRD CONFESSION, TAKING ALL BLAME FOR CRIME

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"Third Confession"

WEIRD TALE OF THIRD DEGREE, WITH NEGRO AS "CORPSE," FIGURES IN LATEST DEVELOPMENT AT LANSING

(Shows a new picture of George Straub)

[Caption reads: THIS PICTURE OF GEORGE STRAUB WHO HAS MADE A THIRD CONFESSION TAKING ON HIMSELF ALL GUILT IN THE MURDER OF ALICE MALLET, WAS TAKEN THURSDAY BY THE LANSING POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR ITS RECORDS. THE BEST PICTURE OF STRAUB PUBLISHED BY THE CITIZEN PATRIOT, (JUNE 14) WAS TAKEN SEVERAL YEARS AGO AND WAS THE ONLY ONE AVAILABLE AT THE TIME]

Lansing Mich., June 16---George Straub, alleged slayer of Alice Mallett former matron of Crittenton Home at Jackson made a third confession this morning in which he reverted to his original story that he alone assaulted and murdered the woman according to Mr. Hatch, Jackson county prosecutor.

Mr. Hatch announced at noon that Straub had made a worn statement in which he absolved Clarence Meadowlark from complicity in the crime and shouldered the entire responsibility. The statement was made in the presence of Maj. Robert Marsh, an official of the state police organization, Mr. Hatch said.

STRAUB'S STATEMENT

In the statement Straub declared that on the night of June 9, when the murder was committed, he left the house of a man named Fowler "Mad over a quarrel over money matters." He intimated he left with the intention of assaulting a woman, He obtained an ax from a woodpile on a short street between Keeler and Adams in Jackson he declared. He met the woman on Lansing Avenue and spoke to her. Then, he continued, he attacked her and she scuffled

"I commenced to strike her over the head with the ax" the statement continued, "I struck her twice and knocked her down."

CUT CLOTHES FROM BODY

Straub then dragged her from the sidewalk, the state added and cut her clothes from her body and assaulted her. Then according to the statement, to make sure she was dead; he cut her throat with the ax. He took her handkerchief from her pocketbook, the statement relates and stuffed it in her mouth.

In answer to questions as to why he attempted to involve the Negro in the crime, Straub answered that he was a Negro that night and thought he, "might have charged him with the crime to make people think about the Negro instead of me."

"DID JOB ALONE"

"I did the job alone," he said in the statement. The prisoner detailed the assault upon a 13-year-old girl for which he served six years in Jackson prison and admitted that since his release from prison, he had been sent to the Detroit House of Correction for "drinking to much."

With the signed statement in the possession of officers indications are that Straub will be returned to Jackson for arraignment in a few days.

WEIRD TALE OF THIRD DEGREE

A weird tale of third degree methods was circulated in connection with the latest confession of the suspected man. Officers were said to have worked upon the superstitions of Straub by placing a white sheet over the form of Meadowlark, whom Straub named, in his second confession. Straub was then allowed to view the still form of the Negro and was told that he had suffered the death penalty for implication in the crime with which Straub had charged him. The prisoner was then informed that death was near for him and a rope was placed about his neck. He then is said

to have absolved the Negro from implication in the crime and declared that he was alone when he killed the woman.

EXPLAINS SECOND CONFESSION

According to officers, Straub stated that after his first confession in which he admitted that he committed the crime, he changed his story in his second confession because he thought it would be easier for him if two persons instead of one were implicated.

The Negro was again given a severe grilling this morning, but stoutly maintained his innocence. Despite the reported latest confession of Straub, officers continued to express doubt as to the creditability of his stories. Prosecutor Hatch was informed today that his order to pick up Charles Bradey, a Jackson colored man was carried out by the Jackson officers, but that the man had been released after questioning. It was thought he could throw some light on the case, but the authorities are convinced he knows nothing of value to them.

STRAUB WILL BE BROUGHT BACK TO CITY FOR TRIAL

(Special to THE CITIZEN PATRIOT)

Lansing, June 16---Gov. Alex J. Groesbeck, Thursday afternoon took a hand in the investigation of the murder of Miss Alice Mallett, of Jackson and following a conference with the Jackson county prosecuting attorney and sheriff, and Major Robert Marsh, deputy commissioner of the State Department of Public Safety, announced that George Straub, confessed slayer, would be returned to Jackson county and tried in the regular way.

"I think this mob movement and talk of lynching has gone just about as far as it should." Declared the Governor. "Michigan is not a state that will tolerate such actions, and any further attempts on the part of any so-called mob to take justice into its own hands, is going to meet with some stringent handling."

WILL RETURN STRAUB HERE

"Straub is going to be returned to Jackson and tried as any other prisoner is tried and there is not going to be any demonstration about the court, or any other place."

During the conference Thursday afternoon Major Marsh informed the Governor that the state police were fully prepared to take care of any emergency which may arise.

Adj. Gen. John S. Bersey reported to the Governor during the afternoon that there are two infantry companies in Ann Arbor, another in Kalamazoo and the battalion of artillery in Lansing

which could be used in the event it became necessary to call out the guard to handle the Jackson situation.

While the guard will be available, Governor Groesbeck says it will not be needed. He has impressed upon Jackson county officials that it is their duty to preserve the peace, and he is going to insist that they take such steps as are necessary to prevent another occurrence such as took place in Jackson last Tuesday evening.

FIND AX OWNER AGAIN

It had been originally planned to return Straub to Jackson Friday to be arraigned. Straub was questioned at length Thursday afternoon, and his story taken in shorthand. Pending a check of the details, he will probably be kept here and will not go to Jackson to be arraigned until early next week.

State police Thursday believed they had located the owner of the ax with which the woman was killed, but would give no details for publication. Their discovery, it is said, positively connects Straub with the crime, without considering his confession of the part he played in the killing.

BELIEVE STRAUB WAS DRUNK WHEN HE SLEW WOMAN

JUNE 19, 1922 MONDAY

Officers Unearth Evidence That Murderer May Have Had Some Moonshine

The belief that George Straub was under the influence of liquor when he brutally murdered Miss Alice Mallett is expressed by some officers as a result of an investigation by Pieter Keyzer and Police Detectives Phelps and Timmons.

Several days before Straub made his confession and 48 hours after the murder he was questioned at the jail. Chemist Keyzer examined the pupils of the man's eyes found them dilated and accused him of having been drunk on the night of the murder. This was denied by Straub.

According to Mr. Keyzer, Straub's eyes would be dilated even 48 hours after the murder if he were drunk at the time the crime was committed.

Despite Straub's denial, Mr. Keyzer and Detective Phelps and Timmons again visited the Fowler home where Straub had gone to pay a bill on the night of the murder of Miss Alice Mallett. Detective Phelps and Mr. Keyzer states that Mrs. Fowler said she observed a bottle alleged to

contain moonshine whisky in the ex-convict's possession. Straub drew the bottle from his pocket and took a drink in the presence of Mrs. Fowler, Pieter Keyzer says she told him.

STRAUB ON WAY TO PRISON FOR LIFE TERM

JUNE 20, 1922 TUESDAY

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June 20, 1922

Tuesday

MURDERER SENTENCED TO MARQUETTE SOON AFTER ARRAIGNMENT

SLAYER OF MISS MALLETT WHISKED AWAY TO GRAND RAPIDS, FOLLOWING BRIEF COURT ACTION TUESDAY

Life imprisonment in the penitentiary at Marquette was the sentence imposed by Circuit Judge Williams Tuesday morning on George Straub, confessed slayer of Miss Alice Mallett, matron of the Florence Crittenton Home, who was slain the night of June 9, while on her way to the home.

TROUBLE RUMORS CHANGE PROGRAM

The authorities had planned to take Straub from Jackson to Marquette today, but soon after he had been sentenced rumors reached the jail that local factory workers were intending to march on the place at noon. Rather than take any chances, the officers changed their program at once. Straub was hustled into an automobile and placed aboard a train for Grand Rapids under guard of two deputy sheriffs.

WILL BE BEHIND BARS SOON

When Straub was taken from the jail a large crowd was on hand and it was necessary for the

officers to clear a line through the throng. No demonstration was made, however, and the criminal was on his way to Grand Rapids soon afterward. He will be held there until the journey to Marquette can be completed and he probably will be behind the bars of the northern prison inside 24 hours.

Straub, heavily guarded by state police, was brought to Jackson from Lansing shortly before 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, Police Judge Simpson was in waiting at the court room and the formality of arraignment on a murder charge was ____ before him. Straub waived examination and was immediately bound over to the Circuit Court.

ENTERS GUILTY PLEA

He was taken before Circuit Judge William's and following the reading of the information by Prosecuting Attorney Hatch, Straub entered a plea of guilty. Undersheriff Kutt was sworn in and gave testimony relative to the confession, which Straub had made at Lansing. His testimony reviewed matters already given the public. He asserted no threats were made against Straub to induce him to plead guilty. "The court determines this to be a case of murder in the first degree." said Judge William's at the conclusion of the officer's testimony.

COURT LASHES STRAUB

Straub, who had been seated in the meantime, was commanded to stand up. He shuffled around the chair occupied by the prosecutor and stood before the court. "Have you anything to say as to why the sentence of the court should not be pronounced?" Asked the judge. "NO" replied Straub. "Words are inadequate to characterize the crime to which you have pleaded guilty, and even if words were adequate, I would say would have no effect." said the judge who then proceeded to sentence Straub to life imprisonment in Marquette prison.

COURT ROOM CROWDED

Although an effort was made to keep from the public the hour, at which the prisoner would be arraigned, the court room was well filled with spectators when Straub, wearing a long heavy dust covered overcoat, was brought in for sentence.

Mounted police were stationed in front of the jail and in the alley leading from the jail to the Courthouse.

State police on foot were also stationed both in the alley adjoining the Courthouse and inside the building. A number of uniformed officers from the police department were also stationed in the court room while sheriff's officers and plain clothes officers from the police department and the State Department of Public Safety also mingled with the spectators.

Con't

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THRONG IS QUIET

There was no demonstration on the part of the men and woman who gathered in the courtroom and in the street outside. Those who were present were drawn to the scene through curiosity. Several automobiles, loads of officers accompanied Straub from Lansing where he had been held since he was smuggled away from the Jackson jail last Tuesday night after officers became alarmed lest an attempt be made to lynch him.

The automobile carrying the accused was driven into the adjoining courthouse and Straub was immediately taken into an anteroom just off the courtroom. Here Police Judge Simpson was in waiting and the arraignment was made, the prisoner waiving examination.

FIRE BELL IS KNELL

The arraignment was made shortly before 9 o'clock and at the 9 o'clock bell tolled in a neighboring fire engine house. Circuit Court was called to order, Straub had been kept in an adjoining room preparatory to arraignment and before the bell had finished tolling he was brought before the court.

Straub presented a most repulsive figure as he stood before the court. Stoop shouldered, his swarthy face covered with several days' growth of black _____ beard, he looked more like an ape than he did a man. He was unmoved by the court proceeding and paid no attention to the throngs that pressed forward anxious to look upon him. He seemed but little interested in what was taking place.

HURRIED OFF TO PRISON

The court was necessarily brief in imposing sentence, as it was the desire of the officers to have the formality disposed of as quickly as possible. Immediately after sentence had been passed Straub, surrounded by guards, was taken from the courtroom and to the county jail.

All plans for the immediate removal of Straub to Marquette prison were completed prior to his arraignment and even the commitment papers had been drawn. These were turned over to the officers, together with the judge's statement in the case and he left soon after for the Upper Peninsula prison.

JUDGE'S STATEMENT

Judge William's' statement regarded to Straub's case is as follows:

"RESPONDENT PLEADED GUILTY TO AN INFORMATION CHARGING MURDER. THE CRIME IN QUESTION WAS A MOST ATROCIOUS ONE. THE RESPONDENT EVIDENTLY DELIBERATELY STARTED OUT TO ASSAULT SOME WOMAN CRIMINALLY AND AS A PART OF THE CRIME STOLE AN AX. ON LANSING

AVENUE, IN THIS CITY WHICH IS THE MAIN THOROUGHFARE TO LANSING, IS A PAVED, MUCH TRAVELED STREET, HE ACCOSTED THE MATRON OF THE CRITTENTON HOME, WHICH IS A HOME FOR DELINQUENT GIRLS, AS SHE WAS RETURNING TO THE HOME ABOUT 10:30 P.M. HE AT ONCE GRAPPLED WITH HER, AND IN THE STRUGGLE THAT ENSUED, HE STRUCK HER TWICE WITH THE AX, CRUSHING HER SKULL. HE THEN DRAGGED THE WOMAN FROM THE SIDEWALK BACK INTO THE SHADOW OF SOME TREES ADJOINING A VACANT LOT, WHERE HE CUT THE WOMAN'S _____ STRINGS WITH THE AX, PULLED DOWN HER CLOTHES AND CRIMINALLY ASSAULTED HER, AFTER WHICH HE CUT HER THROAT WITH THE AX TWICE AND MADE HIS ESCAPE WITHOUT HAVING BEEN DISCOVERED.

RESPONDENT'S PREVIOUS CRIMINAL HISTORY, SO FAR AS KNOWN TO THE COURT IS AS FOLLOWS; HE WAS SENTENCED FROM OSCEOLA COUNTY IN 1902, TO MICHIGAN STATE PRISON AT JACKSON FOR STATUTORY RAPE ON A 13-YEAR-OLD GIRL, BEING RELEASED IN 1907. I UNDERSTAND THAT RESPONDENT HAS ALSO BEEN CONFINED SEVERAL TIMES FOR BEING DRUNK.

RESPONDENT IS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF 43 YEARS OLD, NEVER MARRIED, AND HAS BEEN A DAY LABORER FORMERLY WORKING IN THE LUMBER CAMPS AND IS APPARENTLY VERY FAMILIAR WITH AN AX."

June 21, 1922

Wednesday

STRAUB WILL BE BEHIND BARS AT MARQUETTE SOON

Murderer Crosses Straits Today After Spending Night In Emmett Jail

(By Associated Press)

Mackinaw City, Mich.,---George Straub, confessed slayer of Miss Alice Mallett, Jackson welfare worker, today was on the last lap of his journey to Marquette prison, where he was yesterday sentenced to spend the remainder of his life at hard labor in solitary confinement. Straub was kept in the Emmett county jail at Petoskey last night, there being no night boat across the Straits and his guards deeming it inadvisable to hold him in the local jail. Officers at Petoskey had not been notified the prisoner was coming, and did not meet the guard at the train. A small crowd at the station recognized the prisoner, and a few of the more curious followed him to jail. The journey to Marquette was resumed this morning and Straub will be received in the prison this afternoon.

STRAUB FEARS MARQUETTE PRISON; WANTED COURT TO SEND HIM TO LOCAL 'PEN'

Murderer Enters Northern Institution Today With Dread in His Heart Two Suspects Still Held in Jail Here

That George Straub, confessed slayer of Alice Mallett, who today becomes a life inmate of Marquette prison, was much concerned about being sent to the lonely Northern Michigan institution, was recalled by Sheriff Larrabee, Wednesday.

"While at no time was Straub talkative," said the sheriff, "he expressed a dread of being sent to Marquette, and on the occasion of my first trip to Lansing, after he was confined in the jail there said that he didn't want to go to the up-state prison. On the return trip, he also brought up the same subject and said that he hoped he would be committed to Jackson for he was afraid of Marquette."

ASKED SHERIFF'S HELP

Mr. Larrabee stated that Straub also asked the Jackson county sheriff if he would not intercede with the judge, who sentenced him in an effort to have him, committed to the local prison. His

desire was not granted however.

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June 21

The armed guard which entered Jackson with the sheriff and Constable Timmons when they brought back Straub and Clarence Meadowlark, a Negro suspect, did not leave the Lansing jail with the officers, and for several mile along the road the sheriff's machine traveled alone, with the possible exception of a car in the rear loaded with newspaper reporters. "At frequent intervals we passed members of the state police department." The sheriff stated. "When our car left the Lansing jail, Col. Vandercook, of the state police was there, but no guard surrounded us as we left, and we supposed that the officers had deemed it inadvisable to send a guard with us." It was only at the edge of the city that the sheriff picked up the escort, waiting on the road for him. Mounted officers, who acted as an escort, had been dispatched from the state police headquarters at Lansing on the night before and spent several hours here before the Straub party arrived.

MEADOWLARK STILL HELD

Clarence Meadowlark, the circus employee, is still being held at the jail, as the officers are looking up his record. While nothing has developed which will hold him in Jackson, the sheriff has taken fingerprints of the man and is carefully checking up his history.

Charlie Jackson, another circus employee, who was arrested in Warren, Ohio, on a charge of indecency, and who also was brought back to Jackson as a suspect, is being held at the county jail on a similar charge placed by local officers, the offense having been committed when the show was in Jackson. Jackson will be tried on the charge in a short time.

Several vagrants, who were picked up the day after the murder, are serving jail sentences, but as soon as their sentences expire on the minor charge they will probably be released.

June 22, 1922

Thursday

STRAUB HELD IN "SOLITARY" AT MARQUETTE 'PEN'

Jackson Murderer Will Be Put at Work After 30 Days

(By Associated Press)

Marquette, Mich.,---George Straub, confessed slayer of Miss Alice Mallett, of Jackson, was in solitary confinement at the branch prison here today. Straub, arrived late Wednesday in custody of several officers who reported the trip from Jackson was without incident. The slayer will be held in solitary confinement for 30 days, then put to work with other convicts, it is announced.

June 24, 1922
Saturday

STRAUB CASE CAUSES CHANGE IN MICHIGAN PRISON PAROLE PLAN

Criminals Of Jackson Murderer's Type Must Undergo Test Before They Are Turned Loose On World

(Citizen Patriot Lansing Bureau)

Lansing, Mich.,---Radical changes in the paroling of certain types of prisoners from Michigan penal institutions are to be placed in immediate effect as a result of the case of George Straub, murderer of Miss Alice Mallett, who Tuesday was sentenced to life imprisonment in Marquette. In the future, before persons of the moron-type or those who have been sentenced for criminal assault are released on parole, they must first undergo a psychological study under the supervision of Dr. Robert H. Haskell, superintendent of the hospital for the criminal insane at Ionia or some other competent physician to determine whether they show any of the tendencies which might make them a public menace would they be released.

While considerable experimenting has been done along this line by Fred E. Janette, commissioner of pardons and paroles, it has not been the practice in all cases because of the lack of the means for making such studies.

LAW WAS IGNORED

Straub was not a parole convict. He completed his sentence of six years in Jackson prison and was discharged. Had the State law regarding discharged prisoners been followed out, Straub would not have remained in Jackson. Under the law concerning discharged prisoners, upon his release the prisoner is entitled to a suit of clothes, from \$5 to \$10 in cash, and it is made mandatory upon the warden of the prison from which the prisoner is discharged to purchase him a railroad ticket to the city from which he was sentenced, or to some other city to be elected by the prisoner, and places him on the train bound to his destination. If the prisoner does not complete the journey, under the law he is guilty of misdemeanor.

NOTE:

This article has more to it, but the time allowed researchers expired.

Straub's prisoner's inmate Information

MARQUETTE PRISON INMATE INFORMATION

No. 3336 Received: June 21st, 1922 -- 3:30 P.M.

Name: George Straub Alias: George Moore

County: Jackson Sentenced: June 20th 1922

Not to exceed: Life Crime: Murder 1st degree

By Judge: Benjamin Williams

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Age: 46 Born: Allegan County, MI Year: 1876

Nationality: American Religion: Protestant Complexion: Medium Fair

Hair: Dark Chestnut w/Gray Forehead: Rec. Eyes: Blue

Nose: Sinuous Mouth: Large Chin: round

Build: Small Lips: upper-thin Lower: Thick

Home Residence: Jackson Where: Shepherd- Jackson-Marion

Yrs. in Mich: 46 Yrs. outside Mich: None Occupation: Laborer

RELATIVES

Parents Born Where? Mother: Allegan, Mich. Father: Allegan, Mich.

Parents: dead.

Brothers: Philip (in Jackson) -- Frank & Claude (WhiteCloud)

MARKS & SCAR

· Vac. scar 5/8" x 3/4", 4 1/2" above left elbow outer. Vertical scar 1/8" 1st joint left little finger outer, Pen. scar 1/4" long between 1st & 2nd joint left middle finger outer.

· Right index middle, ring, outer, little finger arckyloyd. Raged scar 3 1/2" lower right wrist

· Right Hand crippled from cut

· Raised bumps 3/4" x 3/4" -- 3/4 to R. of M. L. on upper forehead

· Large brown mole 3/8" x 1/4", 1 7/8" left of middle lower back

· Upper back & shoulders covered with pit marks

· Brown marks of truss 2 3/4" x 1 7/8" over all of left hip. Faint mark from truss 3 1/2" x 3" over all of

right hip

· Lower lip pendant

MEASUREMENTS

Height -- 66-5 IM Eng. Height -- 5' 57/8" Outs. A. -- 74 IM

Trunk -- 87-2 Head Length -- 19-8 Head Width -- 16-5

Cheek, Width -- 14-5 R. Ear -- 7-5 Foot length -- 27-4

Mid. finger length -- 11-9 Lit. finger length -- 9-4 Fore Arm length -- 47-9

Chin -- short Weight -- 140-145 lbs. Shoes -- 5-6 7/8

Lips -- upper-thin Bread -- Dark Chestnut

lower thick & protruding Minor Children -- No Drink -- No

Smoke -- No Yrs. School -- None Owner of Real Estate -- No

Chew -- Yes Dope -- No Venereal -- No

PRISON TRANSFER & INFORMATION CARD

Name: STRAUB, George No. 40450 Prison: Marquette & Jackson

Crime: Murder Term: Life Sentenced: June 20/22, 1922

County: Jackson Serial No: 40450-7775 Alais: George Moore
REMARKS: Transferred form Marquette
1/29/44 Died at Prison Hospital at 10:40 p.m.
ACTIONS: 2-7-23 _____ No Action
9/24/37 Transferred to Jackson Prison
1/29/44 Died

CLAUD STRAUB (Brother of George)

CLAUD STRAUB ADMITS CRIME AGAINST GIRL

Brother of George, Murderer of
Alice Mallett Confesses After
Child's Mother acts
July 6, 1923

(The Jackson Citizen Patriot)

Claud Straub, when arraigned before Judge Parkinson shortly before 3 o'clock, on two counts, entered a plea of guilty to the second. Asked if he had anything to say before being sentenced, the prisoner was mute. "They ought to hang such men as you." The judge told the prisoner. "But there is no law to do it. I sentence you to serve eight to ten years in Jackson prison, with a recommendation that you serve the maximum term."

Claud Straub, 35 years old, brother of George Straub, who is serving a life sentence in Marquette prison for the murder of Alice Mallett, was arraigned in Circuit Court this afternoon, charged with an attack upon an 8-year-old girl. Before entering court Straub told Assistant Prosecutor Barnard he would enter a plea of guilty. Straub was arrested Thursday night by Patrolman Van Dusen at the fairgrounds on complaint of the girl's mother. The attack in question having occurred Tuesday night. Straub, it is alleged threatened to kill the child if she told her mother, but she disregarded the threat. In company with her mother she visited the fairgrounds Thursday night and while they were seated in an automobile Straub passed them. The woman stopped him and a fight occurred, ending in Straub's arrest by the officer.

Friday morning Straub was taken to the office of Assistant Prosecutor Barnard and in the presence of that official and police detectives confessed to the crime with which he is charged. He is said to have stated that he enticed the girl from a sideshow to a spot at the south end of the grandstand.

JACKSON STATE PRISON INMATE INFORMATION

No. 15458

Name: Claud Straub

Offense: Assault to Rape

Sentenced: July 6, 1923 Recieved: July 7, 1923 County: Jackson

Min. Term: 8 yrs Max. Term: 10 yrs Max. Recommended: 10 yrs

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Measurements: 70.9 | 5.75/16 | 1.78 | 92.1 | 219.7 | 15.4 | 7.3 | 4.2 | 27.1 | 12.0 | 9.4 | 46.2 | 16.5

Ragged hor. cic. under center of lower lip

Large Mole right side of neck collar line

Age: 40 Born: Bannister, MI Nationality: German Religion: ?

Complexion: Med. Dark Hair: Med. Chestnut Forehead: Rec'd M.M. Eyes: Blue/Gray

Lips: Lower Thick Mouth: Small Nose: Med. Wi. Hump. Hor. Chin: Low

Eyes: slightly cross Teeth: Broken & Decayed Ear Lobe: Med. Check: Full

Build: Med/Lrg Sht. Grt. Ear Border: Med Occupation: Laborer School: 2 yrs

Smoke: yes Drink: No Dope: No Chew: Yes

Conjugal: Single Home Residence: Jackson Venereal: No

Relatives Outside MI: No Former Imprisonment: No

Parents born where? Mother: Mich.-dead Father: Mich.-dead

Relatives, Michigan: 3 brothers Phillip in Jackson, Frank c/o Odd Fellows home in Jackson, George in Marquette Prison

Tattoos:

Girl shading eyes with left hand letters W.C.S (William Claud Straub)

Anchor front forearm

Res. cic 3rd ph ind. finger out & rear

Old Hickory, Labor Insignia, B of A.R. Insignia, below 950, Joggs, Clasped hands

Art wreath forearm front. Diamond shaped

Bracelet around wrist letters "S" wrist rear

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